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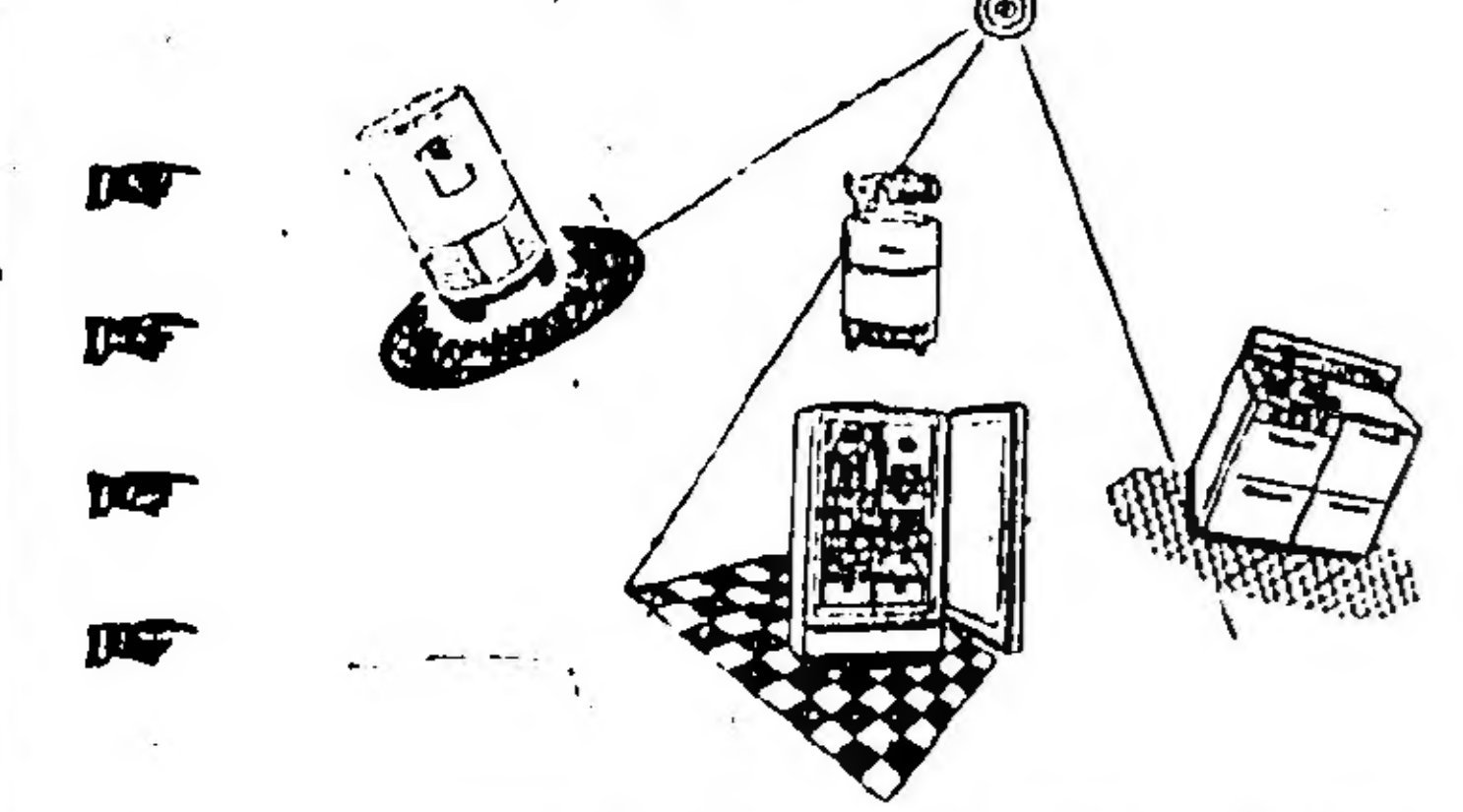
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FURTHER EVIDENCE IN POTTINGER ST. MURDER

At the third hearing of the Pottinger Street murder trial yesterday, evidence as to the general character and nature of the accused was given by his father, brother, a friend, and a Roman Catholic priest.

The accused in the dock is Ngai Pak-chuen, 26-year-old shop assistant, who is charged with the alleged murder of Lo Kin, his cousin and colleague, at 26 Pottinger Street on September 29, last.

Ngai is alleged to have stabbed Lo three times with a meat-knife after the transaction of certain debts incurred during a mahjong game played with other folks of the shop.

Defending Ngai is Mr. Percy Chen instructed by Mr. A.S.K. Lau. Conducting the prosecution case is Mr. A. Hinton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Inspector T. Cushman.

At the beginning of yesterday's hearing, Mr. Chen arose and made his opening address to the jury. In the course of which he stated that the prosecution case relied on the fact that there had been no fight between the accused and the deceased. The defence, he declared, was going to rely on the very statements of the prosecution witnesses made immediately after the incident, when each and every one of the witnesses mentioned that there had been a fight.

Chen further submitted that the prosecution had set out to prove that the accused was the aggressor. Mr. Chen stated that he would prove to the jury that it was the deceased who had lost a sum of money that night equivalent to half his monthly pay—\$25 or more. If anyone had reason to be dissatisfied with the outcome and transaction that had taken place that night, he said, it was not the accused, but the deceased.

First Witness

The first witness for the defence, the accused's father, Ngai Kwok-leung, the proprietor of the Wah On Company, stated that he lived at 80 Morrison Hill Road, second floor, with his wife.

Ngai went on to say that the accused as a child was always in poor health. At 15 or 16 he suffered from a heart disease. Every now and then the accused always complained of feeling dizzy.

Continuing the witness disclosed that after having gone through certain primary schools, the accused finally went to Wah Yan College for a short period. He, however, had to leave school at the fall of Hong Kong in 1941. He was 18 then.

Questioned further, Ngai stated that the accused was by nature quiet, and seldom speaks. He is not of the energetic type, he said. In reply to another question, the witness told the court that his son, Robert Ngai, who lives with him, was a very well-to-do person at the shop.

Referring to the early morning of September 29 last year, the witness said that at about 1 a.m. there was a telephone call at his home, which was answered by his other son, Robert Ngai, who lives with him. As a result of that call, he said, he sent Robert and a friend of the latter's to the shop at Pottinger Street.

After Robert and the friend had left for the shop, the witness went on, he himself phoned up the shop and made further inquiries to Lo Tat. Lo, the witness claimed, told him that the condition of the wounded man was very serious. As a result of this, the witness himself went to the shop in a taxi.

The Accused's Brother
Robert Ngai, the witness's son, testified as to having answered the phone call from Lo Tat that night and he was told that his brother had had a fight with Lo Kin.

The witness also said in reply to a query that his brother, the accused, is of the retiring and quiet sort.

Robert Ngai's friend, Raymond John Spencer, who had accompanied him from his home to the Pottinger Street shop on the night in question, corroborated Robert Ngai's evidence.

Mr. Spencer asserted that he habitually dropped in at the Pottinger Street shop. The accused, he said, in a reserved sort of way, while Lo Kin, the deceased, was very talkative and had a perpetual smile on his face.

Reverend Father Peter Ngai, a cousin of accused's father, who had known the accused for 18 years since the latter's return in Annam, testified as to the general demeanour of the accused. Among his other brothers, the witness said, he is the dullest one.

Replying to a question, Father Ngai told the court that the accused has been an obedient boy. After legal submissions had been given by both sides, Counsels gave their closing addresses. Hearing will continue at 9.30 this morning.

No Foul Play In Three Fire Deaths

The death inquest of three young children victims of the fire at 203 Temple Street on the night of January 15, ended yesterday when Mr. Blair-Kerr returned the verdict of death by misadventure.

The inquest which had been heard previously on March 21, was adjourned by Inspector Waldron's request when a bereaved mother, one of the witnesses, alleged foul play in the blaze.

Inspector Waldron wanted time to make further inquiries. Yesterday, in the witness box, DSI Watt stated that he was at the scene of the fire and had investigated it. In his opinion, he stated, the fire was started by accident when an old woman dropped a cigarette in the dark with a lighted piece of paper which set fire to the wooden shavings on the floor.

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DISASTROUS FIRE AT TAIKOKTSUI



The fire at Taikoktsui yesterday raged for more than four hours. Picture shows the blaze at about its final stage. Note the burnt off windows and roofs of the premises in the background. ("China Mail" Photo).

Two Tenancy Disputes End

An appeal before Mr. Justice Reynolds to set aside a tenancy tribunal decision ended in a compromise yesterday between the disputing parties.

The appeal was made by Wong Kwun-cheung, care of Verder and Company, China Buildings. Wong was evicted by an order of a tenancy tribunal, presided over by Mr. W. H. Young, from a piece of land known as Kowloon Island Lot No. 1421, Kwong Wah Street, measuring about 25,000 square feet which he was using as a vegetable garden.

The eviction was granted on the application of Wo Kee, who said they required the land for building purposes.

The appeal yesterday was on the ground he had no time to defend his case at the tenancy tribunal as he was not served with notice until after the hearing had started.

The settlement reached provided that half of the area would be given back to Wong within 30 days, and the remainder within three months upon the expiration of the 30 days.

The appeal was accordingly dismissed by the court. Mr. B. A. Bernick, instructed by Mr. Peter Sin, represented Wong; and Mr. D'Alton, instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, was for Wo Kee.

Another Case
In another tenancy dispute, also heard by Mr. Justice Reynolds, both parties agreed to set aside a tenancy tribunal decision, which granted an eviction order to the applicants.

The order affected the second floor of No. 128, Austin Road, occupied by Rosa Lam, married, woman, Noma Lam, Pacific Mendosa, and others.

The appeal yesterday was on the ground that Rosa Lam was in Hong Kong when the tenancy tribunal proceedings were heard.

Mr. P. C. Woo, for Rosa Lam, asked that the tenancy tribunal decision be set aside because of irregularity, adding that this would not affect the merits of the case.

Mr. Alfred Hon, representing the owner to Yuet-ming, merchant, of 134 Wing Lok Street West, 3rd floor, raised no objection.

Mr. Justice Reynolds granted the application, and gave an order that all the parties should be received in case of a rehearing of the tenancy case.

Cost of HK\$100 was awarded against respondents.

Among the passengers who left Hong Kong yesterday by the ss. Asiyana for Shanghai were Mrs. M. L. Wimbish, her three daughters, Anne, Mary and Louie, Mrs. E. M. Duff, Mrs. J. England, Mrs. J. M. Caddas, and Mrs. E. R. Richardson.

Three Killed, Five Injured In Fire

Eight casualties, including three fatal ones, were claimed at Taikoktsui yesterday, when an area of more than 25,000 square yards, enclosing a once busy centre of textile factories, machinery manufacturers and timber yards, went up in a costly blaze shortly before dawn yesterday.

The fire started a little before 5 a.m. and raged furiously for more than four hours, reaching its fill of destruction before being subdued by the Fire Department whose third alarm brought fire fighting assistance from all quarters of the mainland including the Military.

In its wake, the fire left an ugly scene of twisted metal and charred remains of huts and sheds, driving out several hundred squatters from their wooden houses.

This was the second fire in the same vicinity. The first Taikoktsui fire some two months back took a heavy toll in lives when it invaded the whole community of squatters to level the area completely.

The blaze yesterday morning was of such magnitude that the glow was clear for miles around the Colony. One early riser, living in Bowen road, likened the scene of the inferno to a glorious sunrise in the middle of summer.

Three persons were killed in the fire. One was found dead. Another an old woman, about 60 years old, was discovered in a critical condition. She was rushed immediately in an ambulance to the hospital but succumbed to her burns on the way.

Boy Believed Dead
The third person killed was stated to be an infant boy. The remains however, could not be recovered although Sanitary Inspectors have made detailed searches.

The cause of the fire has not been determined. The fire once started, blazed away with rapid fury and was helped by a North Easterly wind that blew the flames Southward, along the Hong Kong Shipyard.

Divisional Officer, V. C. Seymour of the Mongkok Fire Station was almost immediately on the scene after a first alarm had reached the station. Several appliances were put into operation and, in spite of difficulties due to the poor accessibility to the scene, were soon operating their fire fighting devices to effect.

Later, the Kowloon Terminus Station arrived with their squad under the direction of Divisional Officer, V. C. Seymour.

Police parties also helped efficiently arriving at Taikoktsui under ASPs R. S. Haig-Drown and G. A. R. Wright-Neath from the Yau-mat and Shumshuipo Districts, respectively.

The Police soon cordoned off the whole area while constables were engaged in warning neighbouring dwellers, some of whom were fast asleep, of the danger.

Main difficulties encountered by the Police and other helpers were hysterical people who insisted in returning to their homes to collect their belongings.

When the "China Mail" revisited the scene late yesterday afternoon, the firemen were still playing their hoses upon the smouldering debris.

Coolies under the supervision of the Sanitary Department, began putting up barricades around the 25,000 square yard area until a suitable time when the debris will be cleared. An official told the "China Mail" that it will take at least a week to clear the area.

WEDDINGS

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of the following:—
Mr. Jay Russell Gelb, Jr., of Standard Oil Company, Shumshuipo, Canton, China, and Miss Christine Yvonne Kuhn, of Milan, Italy.

Mr. Alec Charles Barton, pharmacist, of 137 Waterloo Road, Kowloon Tong, and Miss Mary Smith, stenographer, of Melbourne Hotel, Kowloon.

Mr. John Percival Prettejohn, newspaper reporter, of European YMCA, and Miss Joan Loretta Ip, of Melbourne Hotel, Medy Road, Kowloon.

Personalia

Mr. Drayton Wilbur, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Federal Reserve Agent for the San Francisco, arrived yesterday by SOAC from Singapore.

Mr. Wilbur is President of the Wilbur Ellis Company and its affiliate, Conell Brothers Company, Limited. He is also President of the San Francisco Museum of Art.

Mr. D. P. Khosla, agent in India for the United Development Company, Limited, arrived yesterday by Pan American from Tokyo.

Mr. G. W. G. McConachie, President of Canadian Pacific Airways, left yesterday for Shanghai. After a short stay there, he will return to his company's Montreal head office.

Mr. Ling Chieh-kun, of the Chinese Embassy at Ottawa, Canada, left yesterday by PAL for Manila.

The Honourable Dr. S. N. Chau left yesterday by PAL for Manila and San Francisco.

The Reverend Mr. S. Sheehan, the Reverend Mr. J. Nennery, Mr. and Mrs. Abushidze, Messrs. W. S. G. Milne, A. R. Ladbroke, and S. S. McInnes left for Sydney yesterday by Quantas Empire Airways.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Spooner, Miss P. A. Chan, Messrs. E. S. Stutz, T. Y. Zee, N. D. Jones, J. Jackson, J. J. Brennan, N. C. R. Gelkie, J. G. Turner, C. Y. Lee, C. F. Von Sydow, Y. Y. Liu, Koo Shou-chin, Lu Kum-chin, and F. A. Small left for Shanghai yesterday by SOAC.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dersham, Mrs. L. G. Grant, Mrs. S. M. Guttridge, Mrs. Raymond Chan, Messrs. T. Chan, Y. F. Lam, A. Gilmore and B. Y. Sun.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Langston, Mr. and Mrs. C. Coy, Messrs. W. A. J. Bayne, G. A. Reddy, K. F. Lafferty, W. C. Ward, W. Aikens, Y. K. Feng, W. E. Clarke, C. G. Hammes, and Fred J. H. Elliot.

Mr. Elmer Davis, international news commentator well known in the United States and abroad, arrived here yesterday by Pan American plane from Shanghai.

Reminders

Today

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "Life in England today" by Mr. A. Hollis, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Y's Men Club luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

HK Council of Women, general meeting, talk by Mr. Walter Fletcher, PRO Lecture Room, 5.15 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church, Mothers' Union Building, 10 a.m.

Inter-port Sub-Committee, meeting at HKFA office, 5.30 p.m.

Screening of film on Steel Industry in Britain, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

HK Hockey Association meeting at SCM Post board room, 6.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Gramophone Recital by Music Group of Sino-British Club, European YMCA, 8.45 p.m.

Social Morning Women's Section, European YMCA, 10 a.m.

SATURDAY
League Soccer matches.

SUNDAY
Classical Concert, Toe H Club, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

HK Art Club Sketching Party, members assembling at Kowloon Star Ferry, 10.30 a.m.

HK Light Orchestra Promenade Concert, The Gripps, HK Hotel, 9 p.m.

Talk on "Architecture and Town Planning" by Mr. J. T. McAllister, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.

American Tennis Tournaments, European YMCA.

MONDAY
HK and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 12 noon.

Windsor Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

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Summary Of Despatches On Municipal Council

There must be many people who have either not read the published despatches between Sir Mark Young, former Governor of this Colony (and the originator of the present scheme for the setting up of a Municipal Council) and Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, Secretary of State for the Colonies.

There must also be a large number among those who did read the despatches, who retain little memory of the details.

The following is an unbiased précis. These are the facts. Let this serve as a corrective against misunderstandings of a matter, the importance of which to the immediate as well as the far-distant future well-being of this Colony cannot be overstressed.

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of the interchange of despatches on the proposed Constitutional changes in Hong Kong.

A. DOCUMENTATION.

(1) Hong Kong Despatch No. 145, dated October 22, 1946 (seven enclosures).

(2) Colonial Office Despatch No. 11 K 222, dated July 3, 1947.

B. DESPATCHES.

(1) In his statement, made in the House of Commons on March 5, 1947, Mr. Creech Jones announced his agreement with the main recommendations of Sir Mark Young for the establishment of a Municipal Council, on the widest representative basis possible, which would gradually assume as many of the present functions of the Central Government as can appropriately be assigned to it, and would embrace the whole of the New Territories, the Kowloon ceded territory and that part of the New Territories known as New Kowloon. (The Northern Boundary of New Kowloon follows the 500 foot contour line of the Kowloon Peninsula, dropping down to the sea to the east, at Lyemun, and to the north, to the West, at Lanchow.)

The remainder of the area of the New Territories, being rural in character, is not considered suitable for immediate inclusion.

(2) In the same statement in the House of Commons, Mr. Creech Jones announced his acceptance of Sir Mark Young's proposal for a modification in the constitution of the Legislative Council, so as to secure on that body a more direct and proportionately increased representation of the unofficial community. At present, unofficial members, not exceeding eight in number, are appointed by the Governor. There are eight, one is customarily recommended by the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, and one by the Unofficial Justices of the Peace.

It was Sir Mark's proposal that the practice of recommendation of unofficial members by public bodies, which has no legal authority, should be legalised, and extended so that two further members could be recommended by the new Municipal Council.

Fifteen Members

Thus, the proposed new Legislative Council would in future consist of seven official members (two of the present nine losing their seats on the transfer of their departments to the Municipal Council) and eight unofficial members. After this change, a measure could only be carried against unanimous opposition by the unofficial members by the Governor exercising both his original and his casting vote.

(3) Between March 5, when Mr. Creech Jones made his first statement in Parliament, and July 3, 1947, when he signed his despatch, he gave further consideration to the despatch of Sir Mark Young, and what follows combines the effective points of both papers.

C. THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

(1) There is to be a single municipal body. That part of the New Territories situated to the North of the Northern boundary of New Kowloon will be administered under the District Officer system, unless and until it is shown desirable that it be brought within the area of the Municipal Council.

(2) The Council would, from its inception, take over the present responsibilities of the Urban Council—maintenance of public health in relation to food, control of town cleansing, conservancy, nuisances and domestic sanitation, and the licensing of certain premises and trades. To these would be added, forthwith, the recreation, parks, gardens, and the licensing of the licensing and control of places of amusement and the licensing of vehicles.

In due course, further responsibilities would be delegated—public health and sanitation (with the possible exception of certain hospitals), education, social welfare, not only will the definition of the delegated responsibility need to be very clear, but action on these subjects by the Municipal Council will need to be in strict conformity with general policy laid down by the Central Government.

Note—Mr. Creech Jones points out that, in respect of such matters as town planning, education, social welfare and, in particular, public works, not only will the definition of the delegated responsibility need to be very clear, but action on these subjects by the Municipal Council will need to be in strict conformity with general policy laid down by the Central Government.

Delegation Process

(3) Mr. Creech Jones suggests that the process of handing over of functions by the Central Government to the Municipal Council would be most appropriately described as one of delegation rather than transfer.

The Legislature would retain, as recommended by Sir Mark Young, clear authority to amend the Municipal Ordinance, so as either to extend or to reduce the powers of the Municipality, or to annul the effect of its past actions.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Wishful Thinking

Sir,—With the publication of a joint manifesto by Mao Tse-tung and his satellite parties' leaders and the event of a Russo-American war, China under their leadership will fight for a Kremlin, the world should definitely give up the wishful thinking that China's Reds are nationalists and agrarian reformers.

Unless England and the United States are prepared to surrender their supremacy in the international power politics, they must change their China policy immediately. Such a change may be yet too late.

The English-speaking world may and as their potential enemies one fourth of the population on earth.

It is useless to blame Bolshevism and its vicious propaganda alone. Anglo-American policy, under the Central Powers in 1917, in the threatened seizure of foreign-controlled Chinese Maritime Customs in 1923, and in the employment of Chiang Kai-shek and Wang Ching-wei, regarded as "nothing but Red" until bought over by Shanghai military forces and compradors, did not move "Old China Hands" a bit.

Chiang Kai-shek was added to slaughter the masses. Japan was permitted to grab and hold Manchuria. Anglo-American shipments constituted 50 per cent of the income to carry the Chinese through the invasion of China until the Shogunate made use of American bombers to destroy Pearl Harbour and America's Pacific Fleet.

Then the United States took over the leadership from Great Britain in the Chinese situation. The ghosts of those spokesmen for the Treaty Port Talpans and Compradors, were however still predominant. Chiang Kai-shek, like Yuan Shih-kai, was picked up and armed to butcher Chinese masses in general and pro-Anglo-American ideologists in particular.

With the murders of Professors Yang Chien, Li Kung-pu and Wen I-tao by Chiang Kai-shek's Gestapo financed by American money, Anglo-American governments lost twenty thousand ally in China as far as Russia was concerned.

The successes of Chinese Communists were not so much due to their superiority in warfare and good government as due to the hatred entertained by the Chinese masses for the Kuomintang's Gestapo supported by Washington and Wall Street.

The exodus of respectable American returned students to the Red area is the prima facie evidence of persecution of Americans in China by America's diplomacy.

The first line of Anglo-American defence in Asia should be the Yellow River valley if not Manchuria. Now the Reds have come down to the Yangtze.

Are White House and Downing Street going to find out some new remedies?

"A.B. WOODENHEAD"

Telephone Complaints

Sir,—I began to read very sympathetically Mr. T.Y. Lee's letter in Tuesday's "China Mail" concerning the alleged rudeness of a telephone operator, especially as I myself have frequently had reason to deplore the manners of many people in Hong Kong.

My sympathy, however, soon gave place to a very different feeling engendered by the "China Mail" and, "resented being lectured to by Such a Person."

What follows may seem a little personal, but it is meant in a friendly spirit and I believe the "China Mail" is sufficiently on the side of the "little man" to let it pass.

I wonder whether Mr. Lee really thinks that, just because he has been fortunate enough to retain or acquire a substantial income at a time when most of China's millions have been reduced to the borders of starvation and when university professors get a hundred dollars (Hong Kong) a month, he is entitled to a greater degree of politeness than, say, a teacher whose salary brackets him with the telephone operator who aroused Mr. Lee's ire?

Politeness is always a desirable quality, but I fail to see why the lack of it is even more reprehensible when exhibited towards "a prominent businessman" than towards anybody else? Mr. Lee's knowledge of English, excellent though it appears, is not perhaps quite sufficient for the realisation that "person" as he used it, was a term employed (in the old days of rigid class distinction) by manservants wishing to indicate to their masters that some caller or other lacked the means to dress as he behaved a "lady" or "gentleman" of the period, and, therefore, has become a peculiarly derogatory term. I cannot, however, altogether rid myself of the feeling that that is just how Mr. Lee meant it.

If, in some future order of society, even politeness is regimented and graded according to the rank of the recipient, it would be interesting to discover whether "prominent businessmen" would be entitled to a greater or lesser degree of that valuable commodity than teachers, hospital orderlies and others who devote their lives to the service of the community without hope of any of the substantial rewards frequently enjoyed by "prominent businessmen," whose services, to say the least, can hardly be considered gratuitous.

Mr. Lee, who is a person of letters, would probably find himself amply rewarded in kind.

JOHN BLOFELD.

FOOD AND FUEL PRICES

Food and fuel costs compiled by the Labour Office for the week ended March 2 follow:

Rice and Flour	2.2 cwt.	\$4.400
Vegetables	1 lb.	1.270
Meat	1 lb.	1.550
Oil	1 gal.	1.390
Tea	1 lb.	.650
Salt Fish	1 lb.	.720
Eggs	1 doz.	.920
Pork	1 lb.	.610
Firewood	100 lb.	.810
Bean Curd, 14 pieces		.700
Total		\$12.3870

SOIL DUMP AT WANCHAI GAP

The soil dump at Wanchai Gap will be closed beginning from April 16, it was officially stated yesterday. No further dumping will be allowed.

Free dumping, however, will continue in the area East of Aberdeen to form a site for the Fisheries Department.

An alternative site for dumping will be made available shortly at Bluepool Road, it was officially added yesterday.

Fireworks Dealer Fined \$2,700

The fire at No. 35 Staunton Street on February 14 and the death of a foki of the shop, named Wong Shoo-kun, were the subjects of an inquiry at Central yesterday with Mr. F. X. d'Almada sitting as Coroner.

Inspector Simpson conducted the inquiry and Mr. Brooks for the Fire Brigade, Mr. H. Capstick for the owner, Wong Chiu Kee Firm.

A police constable, Pui Yuen-kai said that 10.25 a.m. on February 14 he was on duty and saw smoke coming out of No. 35 Staunton Street. He immediately telephoned the Fire Brigade and Central Police Station. There was a crowd of people outside the shop and he was under the impression that all the foki had left the shop.

Inspector Penfold of the Emergency Unit said when he went to the address with the Emergency Unit, he saw smoke coming out but there was no flame. Firecrackers were exploding at the rear of the premises.

S.I. Fleming took the joss papers and threw it into the roadway.

He went back to the police van to get an axe. After that there was a terrific explosion and everything in the shop burst into flames. After the explosion the Emergency Unit could not do anything but waited for the arrival of the Fire Brigade.

Young Wing-kam, a shop fold testified that he saw the deceased sweeping the floor of the basement. Where there were a case of fireworks and some joss papers. Yung said that he saw the deceased smoking a cigarette and later saw smoke coming out of the basement.

Ho Went Back

He shouted for the deceased to run. The deceased ran but went back to collect this packet and after that he was not seen again.

Wong Chiu Kee Firm, said that he had been in paper and fireworks business for 30 years, both as a wholesale dealer and retailer.

Cross-examined by Mr. Brooks, Wong admitted that prior to the war there was a fire at the same premises when over a dozen lives were lost.

Giving evidence, Mr. Brooks said that the Fire Brigade received a message that a fire had broken out in Staunton Street.

On arrival, he found the flames shooting up to the first and second floors of the building.

They broke open a wire netting to the basement and found the body of a Chinese boy inside a large drum in a disused lavatory in the yard.

Fireworks

"The indiscriminate storing of the fireworks added considerably to the rapid spread of the fire, which possibly started from the basement," concluded Mr. Brooks.

The Coroner returned a verdict of death due to the fire.

Immediately after the inquiry, Wong Chan, owner of the Wong Chiu Kee Firm, through his lawyer Mr. Capstick pleaded guilty to the charges of storing fireworks without a licence, storing of prohibited fireworks and of committing a public mischief.

Prosecuting Mr. Brooks said that the Fire Brigade takes a very serious view of the case. If it had not been for the indiscriminate storing of the fireworks, the boy's life might have been saved.

Mr. Capstick said that his client had been in the business for over 30 years. The fireworks were returned to him after the Chinese New Year and he had intended to send them back to Macao.

Wong Chan was fined a total of \$2,700 by Mr. d'Almada.

NO REASON FOR PESSIMISM

There is no reason for pessimism concerning business conditions in the East today, according to Mr. Paul Rykens of Lever Brothers and Unilever Brothers, Limited, of London.

Mr. Rykens, who passed through Hong Kong yesterday en route to Bangkok, has visited Malaysia, Indonesia, and the Philippine Islands in the past few weeks. He is making a survey of business conditions for his firm.

Mr. Rykens found conditions more upset in Indonesia than in any of the other countries he had visited. However, he commented that trouble in Malaysia was disrupting business, too.

Unilever Brothers plan to build a factory in Kuala Lumpur some time in the next two years. The land has already been purchased. The company has factories now in Siam, the Philippine Islands and Indonesia.

After a short stay in Bangkok, Mr. Rykens will be returning to London.

He was met at Kai Tak by Mr. E. A. Griffiths of The China Soap Company, Limited, local agents for Lever Brothers, Limited.

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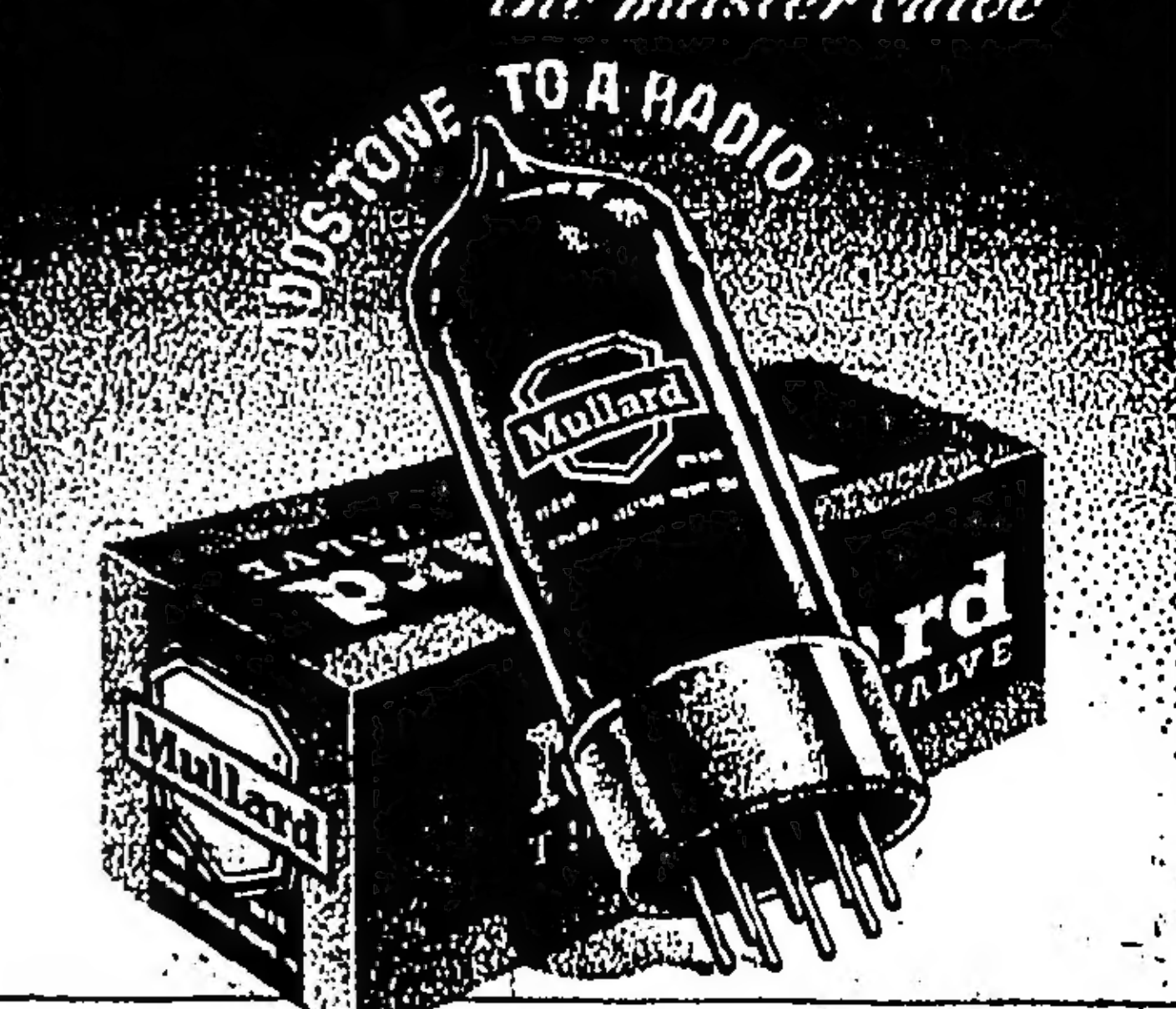
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ORDINARY YEARLY
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Notice is hereby given that
the Fifty-eighth Ordinary
Yearly Meeting of the Members
of the Company will be held at
the office of Messrs Jardine,
Matheson & Company Limited,
Pedder Street, Hong Kong,
on Monday the 11th day of
April, 1949, at Noon, to trans-
act the following business:—

1. To receive and consider the
Report of the Directors and
the Statement of Accounts for
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CLOSING OF TRANSFER
BOOKS.

Notice is also given that the
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By Order of the
Board of Directors.
G. B. S. THOMSON.
Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 28, 1949.

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48th ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that
the Forty Eighth Annual Gen-
eral Meeting of the Share-
holders will be held in the
Jacobean Room of the Hong
Kong Hotel, Pedder Street,
Hong Kong, on Saturday, the
23rd April, 1949, at Noon, for
the following purposes, namely:
to consider the annual state-
ment of accounts and the
balance sheet, and the reports
of the Directors and Auditors
thereon, to elect Directors and
Auditors in the place of those
retiring, to declare a dividend
and bonus, to appropriate the
balance of Profit and Loss
Account as recommended by
the Directors, and to transact
any other ordinary business of
the Company.

AND NOTICE is also given that
the Share Transfer Registers
will be closed from 14th April,
1949 to 23rd April, 1949, both
days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
S. A. SLEAP,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, April 4, 1949.

NOTICE

UNION WATERBOAT
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that the fortieth Ordinary
General Meeting of the Com-
pany will be held at the Offices
of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd.,
3rd floor, Hongkong Bank
Building, on Tuesday, the 26th
April, 1949, at 11 a.m. for the
purpose of receiving the Re-
port and Statement of Accounts
for the year ended 31st Decem-
ber, 1948.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that
the Transfer Books of the Com-
pany will be closed from the
12th April, 1949 to the 26th
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DODWELL & CO., LTD.
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April 4, 1949.

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Hong Kong, March 21, 1949.

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Ordinance 1897, made an Order
limiting the time for creditors
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claims against the above estate
to the 29th day of April, 1949.

All creditors and others are
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DATED the 6th day of April,
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is raising your partner's possibly
our-card suit with only three
cards of it. The soundest player
is obliged to do that in certain
situations, even though he knows
that any fewer than four cards
make a dangerous trump suit be-
ing chosen. But suppose your
hand is too strong to pass, has
to other suit in it which you
might bid, and is unsuitable for
No-Trumps because it doesn't
stop some one suit bid by an op-
ponent. Among such a choice of
silly, your sole recourse may be
a three-card raise.

West had a tough time to make
that contract. Having lost the
first two tricks to the heart K
and diamond A, and winning the
third with the diamond K which
the J was returned, he led the
diamond Q. South shed a
heart, and when the diamond 10
followed the dummy's spade 9
ruffed, the Q being forced from
South. The defence got no more
tricks after that, since the spade 8
was killed after the club re-
turn.

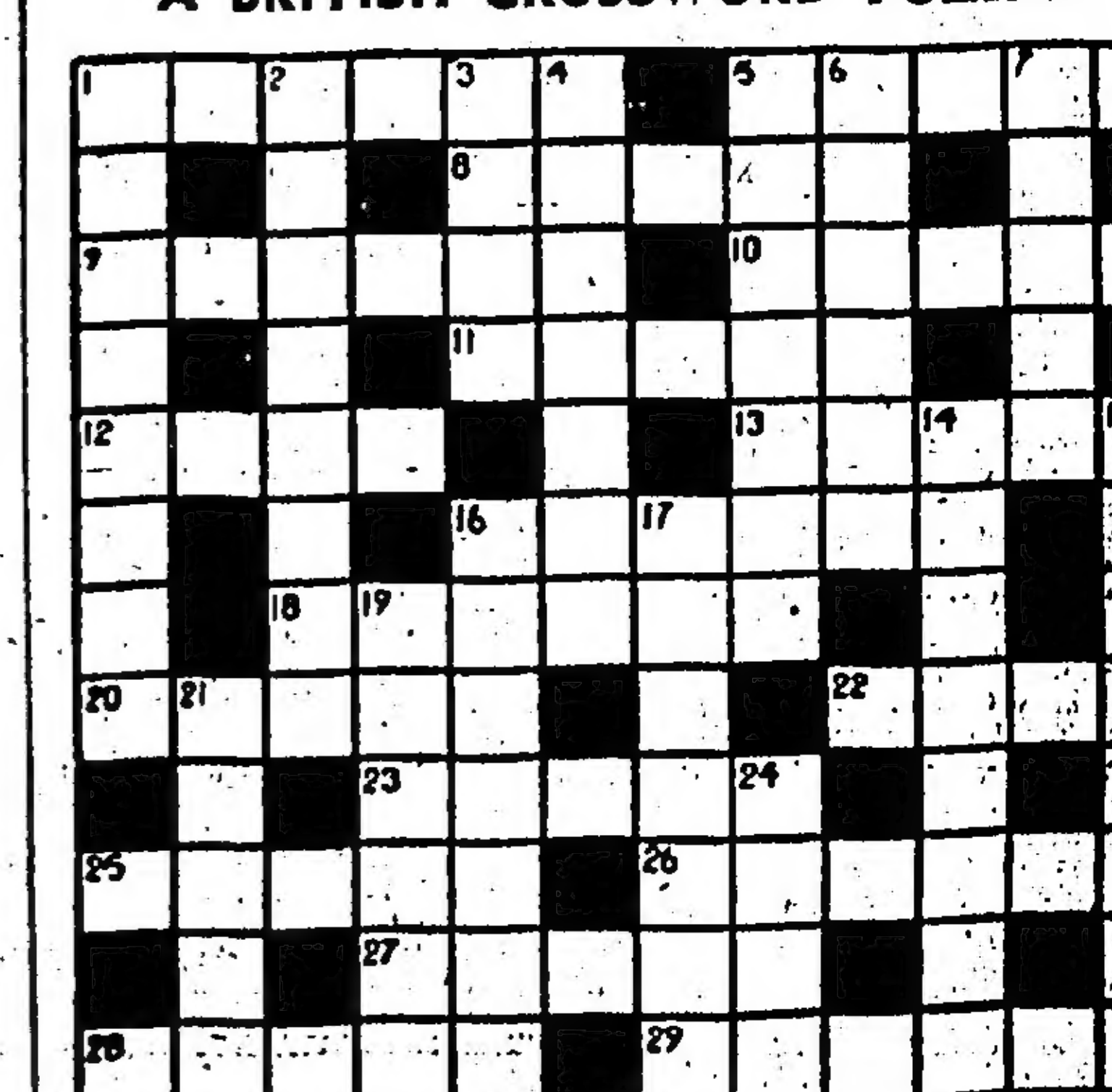
Note that, if North had return-
ed a heart after the diamond Q
won, West could have assured
the safety of his contract by dis-
carding his final diamond.

Tomorrow's Question
What advantage is there in
knowing your partner will raise
your major suit at his first
chance, instead of bidding an-
other, if he has four cards? How
does that knowledge aid you if
he bids a different suit his first
time and then raises yours on his
second chance?

(Dealer South. Neither side
vulnerable).

South West North East
Pass 1 S 2 H 2 S
West having chosen to open
second chance?

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Across
1 Plundered.
5 Way.
8 Strength.
9 Kind of
falcon.
10 Water-
course.
11 Student at
military
college.
12 Dead.
13 Elude.
16 Venetian.
18 Wanted.
20 Prophets.
23 Governor.
25 Water
vapour.
26 Gorge.
28 One of the
U.S.A.
29 Delicious
drink.

Down
1 Fortifica-
tions.
2 Voice.
3 Heroic.
4 Gave.
5 Withdraw.
6 Speaker.
7 Nasal tone.
14 Abandoned.
15 Contrive.
16 Carried on
again.
17 Old soldier.
19 Printing
mistake.
21 Come in.
24 Destroy.

Round, 25 Meet, 29 Created, 30
Abet, 31 Tor, 32 Annual, 33 Tang,
DOWN: 1 Salon, 2 Presume, 3
Cheer, 5 Myth, 6 Swag, 7 Blur,
8 11 Oiler, 13 Urge, 14 Even, 16
Fame, 17 Stem, 18 Expat, 20 Ce-
dille, 22 Curt, 24 Ocean, 25
Demur, 27 Exit, 28 Tart.

Yesterday's Crossword
ACROSS: 1 Scum, 7 Tarry,
8 Yawn, 9 Bent, 10 Console,
11 Huge, 15 Unpur, 16 Emir,
Rogue, 21 Topes, 22 Core, 23
Telegrams "Harriman"

COMMUNIST SPLIT IN BULGARIA REVEALED

Many Arrests In Bulgaria

Belgrade, April 6. Tanjug, the Yugoslav news agency, today reported that about 300 high Communist Party and State officials, involved in an "imperialist spy plot," had been arrested in Bulgaria.

The agency said the Bulgarian claims that the arrested men were Nationalist deviationists—and presumably therefore pro-Yugoslav—were false and were aimed at discrediting Yugoslavia. Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

H.K.T.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.32 p.m.—"From the Editor's Office."

1.00 p.m.—"Rhythm on the Radio."

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—"Orchestra of the Week"—The Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—Children's story "Tut-A-Tut" by E. Lucy Tarnbull (H.K.T.).

6.30 p.m.—Light Concert with Winnie Melville and Charles Robinson.

7.00 p.m.—"Down Beat Discs"—Presented by Paul Stuart (Studio).

7.30 p.m.—L.A. Donatelli's "Framisco" (Studio).

8.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis (London Relay).

8.15 p.m.—Book Reviews: Bath, Kitzler (Studio).

8.30 p.m.—"TITAN" (H.K.T.).

8.32 p.m.—"From the Editor's Office" (London Relay).

9.10 p.m.—World Theatre: Drama from Vancouver in "The Stranger in Town" by Oliver Laundon. Adapted for Broadcasting by Ronald Simpson (Part I).

10.10 p.m.—Billy Mayall (Studio and Orchestra) and "The Stranger in Town" (Part II).

10.30 p.m.—"Thursday Phases" (London Relay).

11.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

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Walt Disney Loses Case

Paris, April 5. A Paris court decided today that Walt Disney has no copyright in the name of "Snow White." If anybody had, it would be the Brothers Grimm, the authors of the famous fairy tales from which Disney drew inspiration for his well-known animated cartoon, the court declared.

Disney had sued Krema, a French confectionery firm, alleging a breach of copyright in their marketing of candy called "Blanche Neige" (French for "Snow White.") The court ruled that Disney had no case.—Reuter.

New President of Red Cross

Geneva, April 5. M. Andre Francois-Poncet, of France, was today elected to replace the late Count Bernadotte as President of the Standing Commission of the International Red Cross Conference.

The Standing Commission, which met here today, is the highest authority of the Red Cross between international conferences. M. Francois-Poncet is Vice-President of the French Red Cross.

Mr. Ali Rana Tarhan, President of the Turkish Red Cross, was elected Vice-President of the Standing Commission.—Reuter.

Arab Agreement On Peace Talks

Beirut, April 5. All Arab States, except Iraq, agreed today to take part in an exchange of views in Europe with Israeli representatives present, it was stated in Beirut, capital of the Lebanon.

The Commission will not finally agree on the place and time of the meeting until its members have seen Mr. David Ben Gurion, Israeli Prime Minister, in Tel Aviv on Thursday.

Israeli and Syrian delegates held a three-hour meeting in Beirut today to discuss the exchange of views in Europe with Israeli representatives present, it was stated in Beirut, capital of the Lebanon.

Dr. Ralph Bunche arrived in the Lebanese capital from Rhodes today to end his Palestine Mediator's mission by handing over to the United Nations Conciliation Commission.

An Iraqi spokesman said that though they would not agree they had no objection to other Arab States participating.

Egypt, Transjordan, Syria, the Lebanon and Saudi Arabia (also representing The Yemen) told the Commission that they are eager to take part in any attempt to restore peace in the Middle East.

ANGLO-U.S. MEETINGS ON WEST GERMANY

Washington, April 5. British experts on Germany started work yesterday with United States officials on a draft plan for a Western German Government, with a definition of its responsibilities and those of the occupation authorities.

The experts continued work today and Mr. Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, and Mr. Dean Acheson, U.S. Secretary of State, will review it tomorrow.

Mr. Bevin, Mr. Acheson and Mr. Schuman, the French Foreign Minister, have no intention of reaching clear-cut accords here on German problems but hope for a sufficient exchange of views to enable them to agree on the main outline of the problem.

Mr. Bevin has seized every opportunity to discuss European, especially German, problems with the other Foreign Ministers. Thus, during the Presidential reception last night, he and other Foreign Ministers, including the Scandinavian and Belgian representatives, got together for talks.

Mr. Bevin has decided to go to the United Nations Assembly on the advice of the Embassy. This constitutes an added strain because of two extra journeys, but so far he has stood up remarkably well, according to British sources.

He may exchange views with Mr. Acheson on other problems, including the Communist menace in South-East Asia, but there will not be sufficient time to hammer out combined policy.

Joint Note

The British, French and United States Foreign Ministers in Washington today sent a note to the West German Constituent Assembly at Bonn expressing the hope that the Assembly would give due consideration to the London Conference recommendations, under which it was established.

The three Foreign Ministers said they desired the Assembly to facilitate co-operation between a future German Government and the occupying powers. The "Council of Elders" of the Assembly was hurriedly called together after the note was delivered by the chief American liaison officer. The Socialists and the Liberals had hoped the Allies would not insist that faction be left to individual States.

Leftist Member Rebuked

London, April 5.

Thirteen Officers of the Imperial General Staff from the War Office made personal visits to the United States in 1948, the War Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, told the House of Commons today. Seven held the rank of Brigadier or above.

Cries of protest arose when Mr. John Platts-Mills, a leftist Independent Member, who had raised the matter, asked for an assurance that "this rather expensive traffic will cease now that we are an official satellite of the United States."

This brought a rebuke from the Speaker of the House of Commons, Colonel Douglas Clifton Brown, who said Mr. Platts-Mills must not make imputations or inferences at question time.

When Mr. Platts-Mills went on to say: "Everyone can see that there is a secret surrender," the Speaker interrupted to say that he must not pursue the matter any further. The House then went on to the next question.—Reuter.

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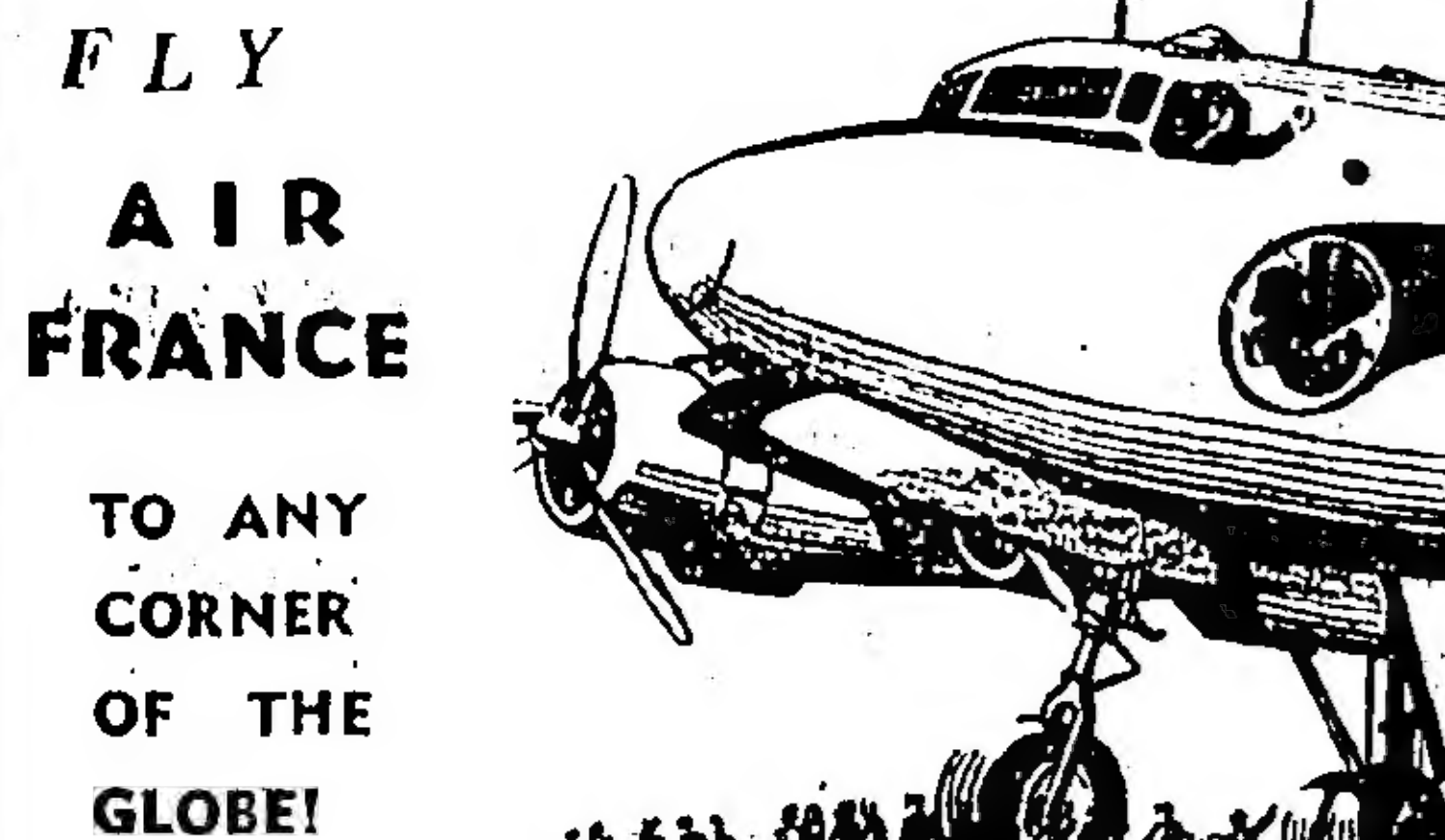


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ANS-LOW—To Barbara nee Red-
wood, wife of F.J. Anslow
at Queen Mary Hospital on
6th April, a son.

THE NAVY'S FUTURE

Citizens of Hong Kong and
Singapore are as concerned
these days as the people at
home (and in many foreign
countries) about the present
and future strength of the
Royal Navy, for so many de-
cades a guarantor of peace
on world trade routes, and a
mighty striking force in time
of war.

In view of this week's
signing of the Atlantic Pact,
and the several kites being
flown for a similar alliance
in the Pacific, the matter
takes on a more urgent note.
We have received an official
communiqué from London
on the subject which is
quietly reassuring. It claims
that after an inevitable
period of unsettlement after
the war, with demobilisation,
breaking up of outworn ships,
etc., the Navy is now com-
ing into its own, although it
is not up to pre-war strength.
In the event of a maritime
war, with all the contin-
gencies that can now be en-
visaged, the message says
that Britain's force is already
fully prepared.

At the moment our active
fleet all over the world
(apart from the ships of any
of the other Commonwealth
navies) consists of two
battleships, one fleet aircraft-
carrier, four light fleet car-
riers, 15 cruisers, 33 destroy-
ers, 25 frigates and 30 sub-
marines with ancillary
vessels and smaller craft. If
with the active fleet Britain
includes other ships used for
training and experimental
duties, together with those
many in reserve or under
construction, the total rises
to five battleships, eight fleet
aircraft-carriers, 14 light car-
riers, 32 cruisers, 121 destroy-
ers, 172 frigates and 63 sub-
marines, with destroyers and
submarine depot ships, repair
ships and many smaller craft
like motor torpedo boats.

In its broad outline, the
strength and constitution of
the Royal Navy today shows
the pattern of any future
naval war at sea that can
now be anticipated. The
war would be largely an air
war and for strictly offensive
purposes we must have "task
forces" similar to those used
against Japan in the Pacific,
with behind them a "fleet
train" comprising a large
concourse of tankers, am-
munition, store and provision
ships, repair ships and so
forth necessary to keep the
fleet operating at sea for con-
siderable periods and far out
of touch with a dockyard.

The "task force" itself
might consist of four aircraft
carriers with aircraft of all
types working with a couple
of battleships and say four
or five cruisers to provide
the necessary umbrella of
anti-aircraft gunfire and for
possible bombardment of
enemy shore positions, to-
gether with a considerable
number of destroyers to as-
sist with anti-aircraft gunfire
as well as to ward off and
attack hostile submarines.

The Royal Navy is devot-
ing more and more attention
to its air arm, which has long
since become its most im-
portant method of recon-
naissance at sea and its most
potent striking force. Never
an exercise takes place and
they go on throughout the

My father's interest in Osborne
did not stop with my studies.
During holidays he would play me
with questions about how we
lived, what we ate, how much
time we had to ourselves, and
shake his head and exclaim that
the Navy had gone soft.

The crown that crossed his face
when he learned that I slept not
in a hammock but in a bed could
not have been more severe and I
informed him that gun turret
had been replaced by cocktail bars.
"It wasn't like that in our day,"
was it Charles? he would mur-
mur, and I would tell him of my
friend and equerry, Sir Charles
Cecil. "We weren't coddled that
way, were we?"

Eventually, by hard and brood-
ing work during my leave, I
managed to pull myself out of the
rue of the bottom class, and was
able to write this letter to my
father.

No doubt my being a Prince
and in direct line to the Throne
saved me where other boys with-
out these connections might well
have been dismissed.

But I like to think that it was
on my own merits that I survived
to progress to Dartmouth for the
last two years of my naval train-
ing ashore.

I took part in general school
activities, and even sang in the
choir, an accomplishment which
had the subsidiary attraction of
sometimes relieving the choristers
from certain parades.

My Brother

In January 1909, just before I
went on to Dartmouth, my brother
Bertie (now King) entered
Osborne also destined for a naval
career.

Since the school's rigid caste
system did not permit a senior to

I am afraid that between us,
with the best of intentions, we
imposed quite a strain upon the
college schoolmasters.

Growing Up

I liked Dartmouth better than
Osborne, and my growing happi-
ness was in no small part asso-
ciated with the increase in priv-
ileges that came with seniority.

Besides, I was growing up,
and during the glorious holidays
I was treated less as a child.
I had begun to make some real
friends among the boys of my
term, with whom I shared those
unique experiences that make
boyhood such a precious thing;
and stretching before me was the
prospect of a Navy career, with
all its glamour and traditions,
the promise of travel on the seven
seas and an end, I hoped, to the
tutors and constraints of Court
life.

The first week of May 1910
found Bertie and me at Marl-
borough House, preparing to re-
turn to college after an Easter
leave at Frogmore, unmarried by
a single melancholy note.

However, my grandfather had
just returned to London from his
annual visit to Biarritz in poor
health and subject to severe fits
of coughing.

He was then rising 70, but it
was unthinkable that mere ad-
vancing age could halt that gay
spirit.

My father sent for us the
morning we were to start back,
and said:

"I have wired the captains of
your two colleges that I want you
both to remain with me here for
a little longer. The King's condi-
tion has taken a turn for the
worse and the end may not be
far off."



AT THE FUNERAL of my
grandfather King Edward VII.
in 1910 Bertie and I walked
in the procession at Windsor
behind my father, my great-
uncle the Duke of Connaught
(on his left) and the German
Kaiser. Then followed seven
monarchs, the King of Spain,
Portugal, Denmark, Greece,
Norway, Belgium and Bulgaria.
How awfully time ran out
for most of them.

As seen in the company of a first-
former, I dared not so establish
there the close companionship
which we had always known.

However, he was presently busied
by the same difficulties that had
nearly overpowered me, and by
prearrangement we used to meet
secretly back of the playing fields.
Bertie would tell me his new
boy troubles, and I would try to
advise him on the basis of my
own experience.

year—in which naval aircraft
do not play a prominent part.

Of the 145,000 officers and
men in the Fleet, roughly
one-third are engaged upon
duties connected with the
air. In order to integrate
these duties completely with
those of other branches of
the Royal Navy it is the Ad-
miralty's intention now to
abolish the air branch as a
specialised part of the Royal
Navy and to incorporate offi-
cers now serving in it in the
Navy's executive or en-
gineering branches. This
measure is part of the pro-
cess by which flying is be-
ing absorbed into the normal
naval organisation—a process
which will help to ensure
that an appreciation of the
importance of the service
permeates the service.

THE ROYAL MEMOIRS

By H.R.H. THE DUKE OF WINDSOR

Osborne And Dartmouth

And then I knew that Edward
the Seventh, Victoria's eldest son,
had died, aged 69 after a reign
of nine years.

It was my grandfather's fate
that his lighter side should have
observed the fact that he had both
insight and influence.

But from a small boy's view—
as distinct from the impersonal
biographer's view—he looked as
one of the best of men, and I
sometimes think that he was the
last Englishman to have an un-
interruptedly good time.

That morning, while Bertie and
I were dressing our valet Finch
appeared with the morning tea,
and word that my father wished
to see us both downstairs.

My father's face was grey with
fatigue and he cried as he told
us that Grandpa was dead. I
answered sadly that we had al-
ready seen the Royal Standard
at half-mast.

My father seemed not to hear
as he went on to describe in exact
detail the scene around the death
bed.

Then he asked sharply, "What
did you say about the Standard?"
"It is flying at half-mast over
the Palace," I answered.

My father frowned and mutter-
ed, "But that's all wrong," and
repeating as to himself the old but
pregnant saying, "The King is
dead. Long live the King!" he
sent for his querry and in
peremptory naval manner ordered
that a mast be rigged at once on
the roof of Marlborough House.

An hour later the Royal Stan-
dard was broken and flying close
hailed over our house, as it was
to do wherever my father resided
during the 26 years of his reign.

Difficulties

The strain thrown upon my
father by the King's death is in-
describable.

For across his grief thrust the
urgent demands of a constitu-
tional crisis, arising out of the
quarrel between the Liberals
around Mr. Lloyd George and the
House of Lords. Harder still for
him, the Government decided to
postpone the funeral for a fort-
night, in order to give the rulers,
and representatives of distant
nations and possessions time to
reach London.

During that prolonged wait,
while the dead King lay unburied,
Marlborough House became a ver-
tex of activity, with the courtiers
and courtiers of Court officials.
We children were pushed into
the background, emerging only
for the melancholy afternoon calls
upon our bereaved grandmother,
Queen Alexandra.

My grandfather's body lay in
the Throne Room of Buckingham
Palace, with the massive jewell-
ed crown upon the coffin.
Four tall Grenadier Guardsmen,
of the King's Company stood
rigidly at each corner, resting on
their arms reversed, their bear-
ing and their heads inclined as in
sorrow.

My grandmother could not stay
out of the room and was constant-
ly rearranging the flowers.
My grandfather was buried on
May 20, a hot and sultry day.

Nine monarchs on horseback
led by my father as King, rode in
the funeral procession from West-
minster Abbey to Paddington
Station.

The Emperor

Emperor William II, of Ger-
many, on a white charger and in
the uniform of a British field-
marshal, was at my father's side.
With his spiked moustache and
glittering eye he was an imposing
figure.

Knowing my family regarded
him with some suspicion, I could
not take my eyes off him.
Mary and I rode with my mother
in a State coach.

A hush lay over the dense, per-
spiring, and fainting crowds, bro-
ken only by the sounds of the
horns, hoofs, the mournful fan-
eral marches, and the lamenta-
tions on the bagpipes.

It was all overpowering and
even a little eerie.
And in the atmosphere at
Windsor there was the same chill
that had been experienced in this
place when my great-grand-
mother, Queen Victoria, was laid
to rest.

With my grandfather's death,
my parents moved out of the

satellite orbits which they had
occupied until then.

Buckingham Palace, Windsor
and Balmoral passed now to
them, and as soon as my grand-
mother's grief subsided prepara-
tions were started for transport-
ing her possessions from the
Palace to Marlborough House so
as to make room for us.

In one important respect, how-
ever, our lives did not change.
At Sandringham, in Norfolk, we
continued to live on in York

At my investiture as Prince
of Wales in Carnarvon I walked
to the dais escorted by Lord
Kenyon.

Cottage, leaving my grandmother
in possession of the Big House.

This was a real inconvenience
to my parents, for there was no
room in our already overcrowded
establishment for the extra staff
which, in the discharge of his
royal duties, my father required.

Yet he could not bring himself
to ask Queen Alexandra to ex-
change houses.

His attitude caused my mother
to point out that it was rather
ridiculous for one old lady to
reside in grandeur in that vast
mansion while the King and
Queen lacked room in the con-
gested Cottage for a single guest.

But my father always insisted.
"It is my mother's home," my
father built it for her. So Queen
Alexandra remained at Sandring-
ham until her death in 1925.

She closed off my grandfather's
room, leaving everything in place
exactly as if he still were alive.
No one ever slept there again, as
long as Queen Alexandra lived.

Whenever I returned to Sand-
ringham, even when I visited
there briefly as King, the very air
still seemed to be alive with the
throb of King Edward's powerful
personality.

New Status

Anxious to delay my debut in
official life until I had, at least

completed naval college, my
father sent me back to Dart-
mouth when the funeral cere-
monies were over.

By then I had lost three weeks
of the summer term, and I was
desperately worried over falling
behind in my work.

My one thought was to resume
as quickly as possible my ordered
career.

My term-mates welcomed me
back with appropriate con-
dences, yet in a way difficult to
express there grew up uncon-
sciously among them a subtle
respect for my new status as heir
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As my father had moved up,
so by the law of succession had I.
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"Yeow upsels Lau." Wow...

"Habit-Forming Drugs."
Excessive Consumption Re-
viewed by WHO.
By WHO, please.

North Koreans, having envied
for some time the fine new wea-
pons in the hands of their Chinese
co-ideologists, will applaud the
firmness of the U.S. in
deciding to furnish arms and
equipment to South Korea.

Up to 20 per cent of the rubber
grown in Malaya is said to be
stolen and sold by the bandits.
Good Year for them if they
don't tire of it.

The U.S. arms the West
And Russia arms the East.
With all the frightened zest
Of brainless bird and beast.
Each styles of "Liberty."
And shouts of "Liberty."
Why don't they just behave—
And let the whole world
be?

It British laundries are taken
over by the government, the
public will expect a guarantee of
non-shrinking—bearing in mind
what has happened to the Em-
pire.

Only Stalin could fail to see
that a defensive pact cannot in
any sense be called a military
alliance.

For sale—Goat, green with
black fur, size 10, excellent con-
dition.

Apartment wanted—Large
enough to keep wife from going
home to mother, small enough to
keep mother from coming here.

The six stages of drunkenness
outlined by a doctor recently
are: "Dry and decent; delighted
and devilish; dizzy and delirious;
dazed and dejected; dead drunk;
and dead."

A Bill has been introduced in
Britain making compulsory some
form of anaesthesia in childbirth—
"the giving of relief without un-
consciousness." Why not send
out a small packet with the in-
come tax notices?

Hold that Spider.
"I am a spider, \$10, friends
\$20 (including Running Muffet)."

Tip to local property owners:
A Paris landlord removed the
stairs in an attempt to evict up-
per floor tenants whose flat he
wanted to let again.

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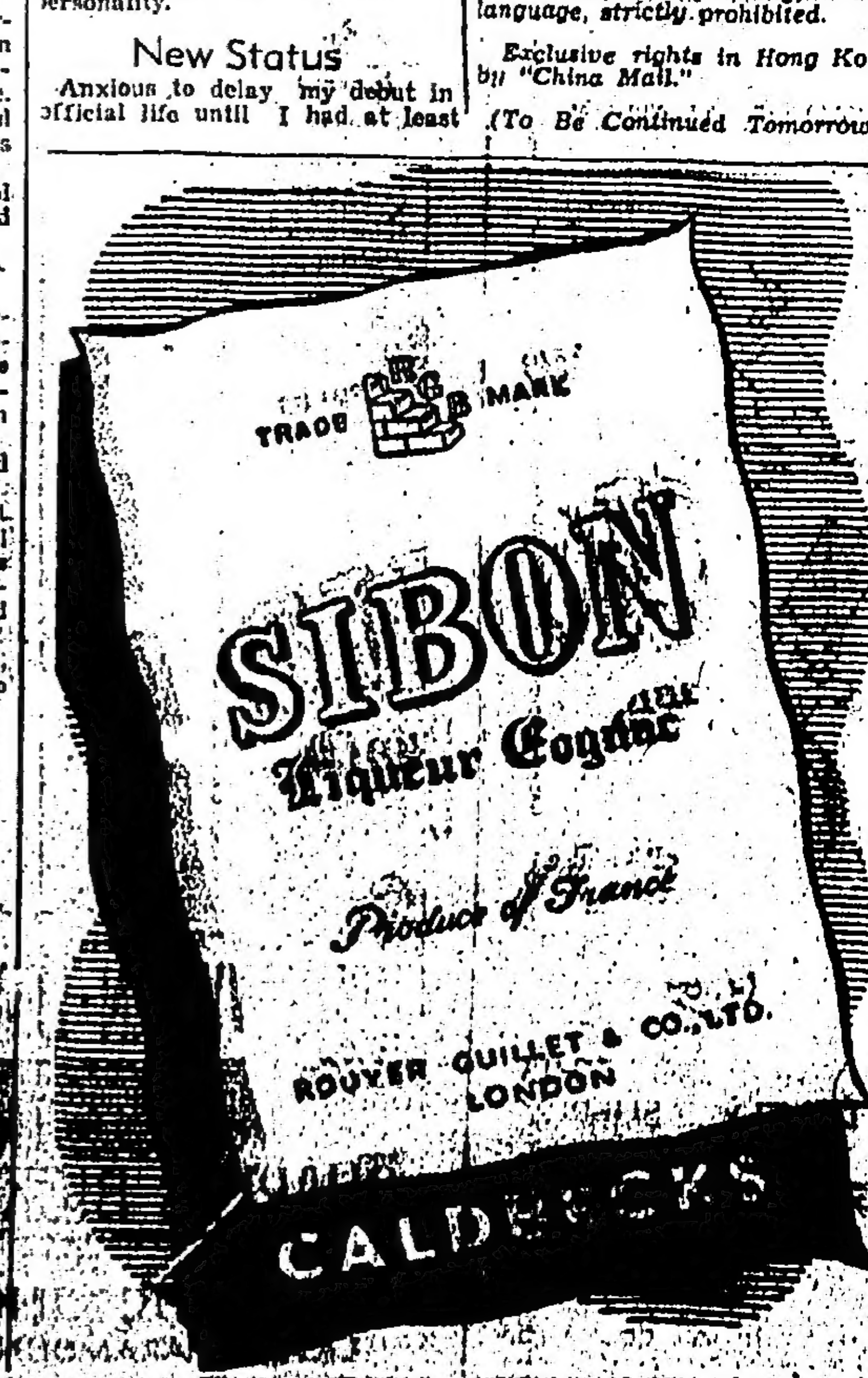
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cognise what
this picture was
taken? The an-
swer is in Page
Seven.

REACTION TO NEW PACT EMPHASISES EAST-WEST SPLIT

PACIFIC SECURITY PACT?

Ottawa, April 5. The Canadian Government today looked upon the coming Commonwealth conference in London mainly as a prelude to a full-fledged regional security pact for the South West Pacific.

London reported that the only subject for major discussion when the Empire statesmen get together on April 21 would be India's national status.

British and Canadian quarters expect that India will try to clear away domestic constitutional difficulties preparatory to planning a broader role in South West Pacific diplomacy.

These quarters said they are prepared to make the best of the situation in the fact that any partnership between India and the Commonwealth—even on an unwritten basis—is preferable to strife which might have the effect of lining up India with Russia.

It is rumoured that a security pact, expected to be parallel with the North Atlantic pact, is being written by foreign policy experts of the United States, Canada and Great Britain. — United Press.

ECA CUTS DOWN IN KWANGTUNG

Canton, April 6. ECA is reducing the number of construction projects in the Canton area.

It announced that only four of nine dyke projects are being continued. The dykes are around the West River Delta, 40 to 80 miles South of Canton.

An ECA spokesman said the reason for the move is the shortage of banknotes at the Central Bank combined with insufficient progress of the projects affected. — Associated Press.

London, April 5. Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh were guests of Dr. Cheng Tien-hsi, the Chinese Ambassador in London, at a dinner at the Embassy tonight. — Reuters.

Bradley Calls For Military Aid

New York, April 5. The United States Army Chief of Staff, General Omar Bradley, tonight called for a military aid programme to strengthen the "ramparts" of Western Europe.

General Bradley said he flatly rejected the argument that it would be impossible to stop Russia from conquering all Europe, and that the United States should eventually lead a counter-attack to liberate the continent.

"It must be perfectly apparent to the people of the United States that we cannot count on friends in Western Europe if our strategy in the event of war dictates that we shall first abandon them to the enemy with a promise of later liberation."

"Unless plans for common defence of the existing free world provide for the security of Western Europe, these people cannot be expected to stake their lives on the common cause."

General Bradley was speaking about the Atlantic Pact and he went on to say: "Out of an assortment of anxious members we have created a resolute body of

United States Administration leaders in Washington hoped today that the Senate would give priority to the ratification of the newly signed Atlantic Pact, which comes into force immediately the seven founder nations finally confirm it.

Early world reaction to the signing emphasised the sharp "East-West" division on the Pact and Moscow Radio renewed its attacks on the "inspirers and organisers of a new war" who would never win support from the "popular masses."

While Communists and non-Communists in Europe underlined their known viewpoints, almost the only leader to "sit on the fence" was General Charles De Gaulle, who said that the French nation must "for the moment reserve its judgment" on the Pact as a whole.

Reuter reported as follows from the capitals of the world: Washington: President Truman would like the Atlantic Pact to be given "right of way" in the Senate, where a two-thirds majority is needed for ratification, but diplomats observers here thought the prospects for quick action were not bright.

The Democratic majority leader in the Senate, Senator Scott Ladd, would only say today that the Treaty would be debated this session.

While Washington reaction to the Pact is generally favourable, some criticism has been voiced, mainly expressing fears that the United States may be too much committed in advance to arming and deterring Western Europe.

Moscow: All Russian newspapers relegated a 57-word Washington despatch from Tass, the official Soviet news agency, about the signing of the Atlantic Pact to their back pages.

Tass said the signing Foreign Ministers made speeches "trying to present the aggressive military bloc, created by a treaty violating the United Nations statute and directed against the USSR and the countries of National Democracy, as allegedly a defensive measure."

Russian officials took the view that the speeches contained no surprises.

"War Instigators" A Moscow Radio broadcast in Russian said that the "inspirers and instigators of a new war never had and never will have support from the popular masses."

COLONIAL ADOPTIONS PROPOSAL

London, April 5. Citizenship of Britain and her colonies will be conferred on children who are not British but are adopted by British subjects, if a new Parliamentary measure becomes law.

The Standing Committee on the Adoption Bill, now before the House of Commons, today accepted a clause to this effect.

Mr. Basil Black, Conservative, who sponsored the Bill, said it was proposed to avoid the adopted child not feeling "quite the same as other children."

He added that it was not proposed that a child who was a British subject should lose his British nationality if adopted by foreigners. — Reuters.

P.I. Divorce Law To Be Scrapped

Manila, April 6. The House of Representatives last night scrapped the divorce law which has been in force since 1917.

The vote came as the House continued consideration of the proposed new civil code.

The House approved an amendment killing the provision for absolute divorce and providing only for legal separation, which may be obtained on two grounds—adultery or concubinage and an attempt by either spouse on the life of the other.

The House action still has to be approved by the Senate. — United Press.

General Assembly Session Opened

Flushing Meadow, April 5. Dr. Herbert Evatt, Australian Minister for External Affairs, opened the session of the United Nations General Assembly here today.

In his speech, Dr. Evatt said: "Unflinching support for the United Nations and its ideals must be the watchword of all the member nations."

Dr. Evatt, who is President of the Assembly, added: "Every representative here is pledged to the view that the United Nations is the supreme international body. The Charter provides that all other obligations which individuals or nations accept must be subordinate to and in accordance with those accepted in the United Nations Charter."

In the last few years, difficulties had arisen and often also suspicion and lack of co-operation. "Nearly all these difficulties have been caused by Great Power disagreements outside and independent of the United Nations."

"The governments of the world must keep faith with their peoples and the peoples of the world will certainly support leaders who strive to help the United Nations and carry into effect its great objectives—international peace, international justice and international welfare."

Among the Foreign Ministers who listened to Dr. Evatt's speech were Mr. Ernest Bevin, Mr. Dean Acheson, Mr. Halvard Lange (Norway), Mr. Robert Schuman (France) and Mr. Lester Pearson (Canada).

Mr. Andrei Gromyko, making his first appearance at the United Nations, as chief Deputy Foreign Minister of the Soviet Union, sat among the Soviet representatives. He entered just before Dr. Evatt sounded his gavel and took his seat quietly. — Reuters.

Washington, April 5. The United States Air Force announced today that it is ordering 36 additional long-range B38 bombers and five more B47 high speed jet bombers. The B38 is powered with six conventional type engines. — Reuters.

SENATE COMMITTEE'S DISCUSSION OF PACT

Washington, April 5. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee discussed the North Atlantic alliance in a 90-minute closed session today.

Senator Tom Connally (Democrat, Texas), the Chairman, declined to predict when the Treaty would come before the Senate for ratification.

President Truman is expected to send the Treaty to the Senate very soon.

But there may be some delay to enable him simultaneously to present Congress with his proposals for a foreign military assistance programme to implement its purposes.

The Treaty will not come into operation until it has been ratified by the United States, Britain, Canada, France, the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg.

Ratification by the United States will require a two-thirds majority vote in the Senate.

The Truman Administration is anxious for speedy action but the Senate is far behind schedule in its consideration of the "Fair Deal" legislation.

Arms Supply Action by the House of Representatives is not necessary for ratification, but the House will have to approve the Bill authorising funds for the provision of military supplies to the North Atlantic and other Powers.

More Congressional opposition is anticipated to this Bill than to the formal ratification of the Treaty.

As soon as the Treaty comes into effect, the North Atlantic Powers will set up a Council of member States with a Military Staff Committee to co-ordinate their defence plans and resources.

The representatives of the Brussels Pact Powers lost no time yesterday and met with the

United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, a few minutes after the formal signature of the Treaty.

Presumably, they discussed the integration of the Western Union defence system into the North Atlantic defence system. — Reuters.

AMERICAN PAYMENTS TO CHINA

Washington, April 6. The State Department reported today that the Treasury has paid out on schedule the entire \$125,000,000 appropriated by Congress for military aid to Nationalist China.

During the last week of the fund, authority for which expired on April 2, the Treasury paid out \$332,664. Congress provided the fund last year as part of an overall \$400,000,000 China aid programme.

The State Department said the money for military purposes had been paid either to the Chinese Government or to American Government agencies used by the Chinese to buy military equipment for their Government troops.

Major-General David Barr, who headed the joint U.S. Military Advisory Group in Nanking, said here on March 16 that virtually all of the military assistance supplied by this \$125,000,000 fund now is piled up in Formosa, China not having been able to use the equipment against the Communists.

Of the \$270,000,000 for economic assistance to China, an estimated \$54,000,000 remains unexpended. Congressional action on Monday authorised its use by February, 1950. — Associated Press.

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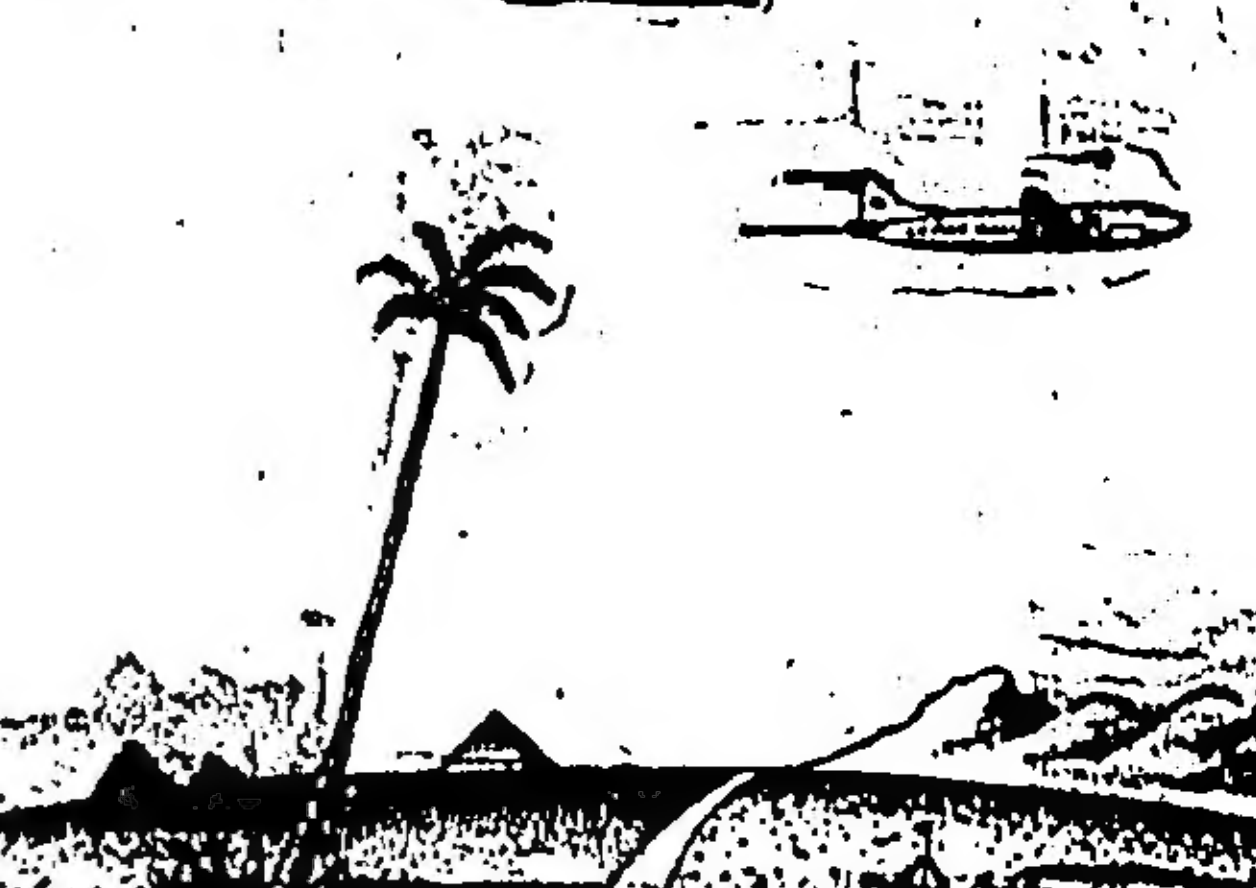
Moscow, April 5. Sergei Gorbunov, the Soviet Union's chief flying wolf exterminator, reports a record bag of 438 shot from his plane.

In the last three winters, while flying over the Volga valley, he killed 730 big grey wolves. — United Press.

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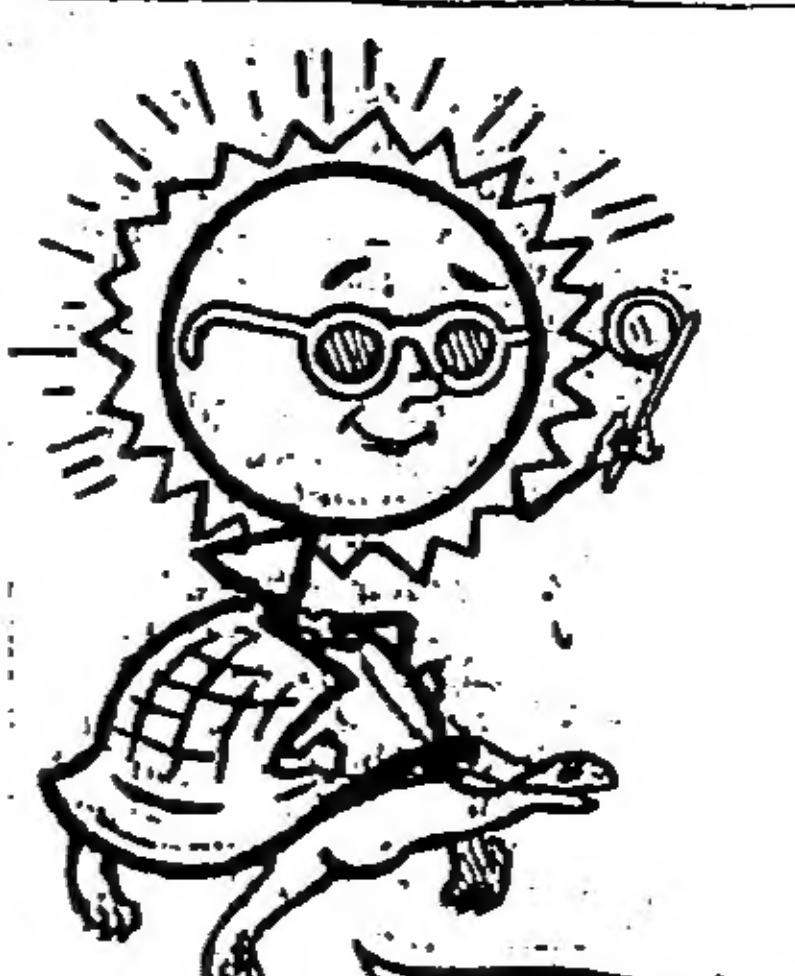
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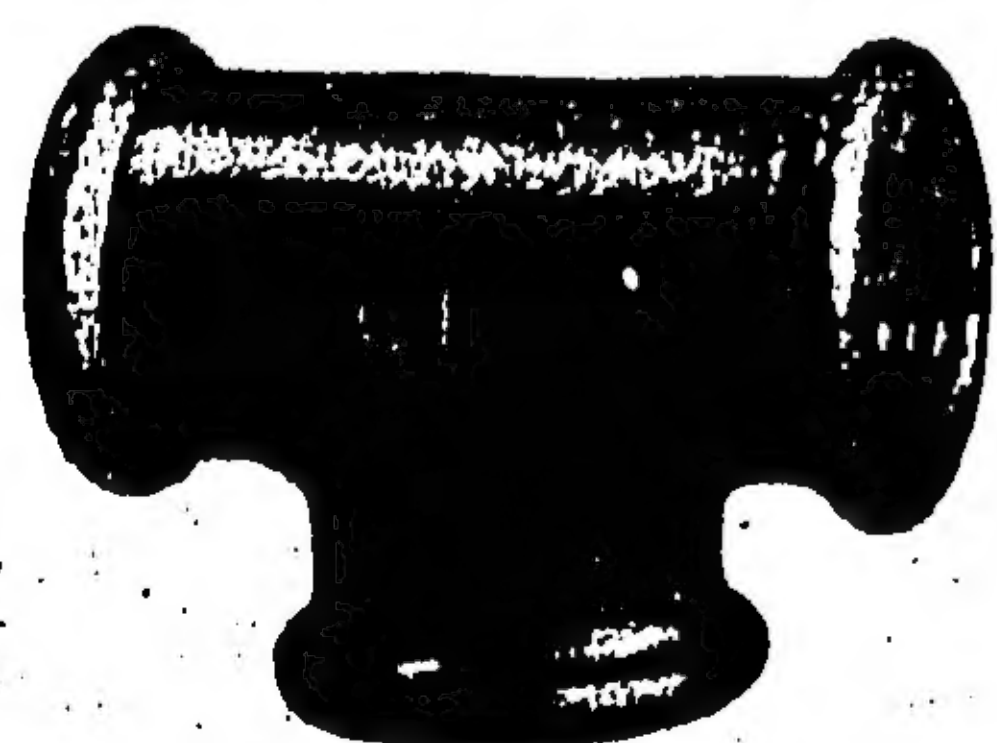
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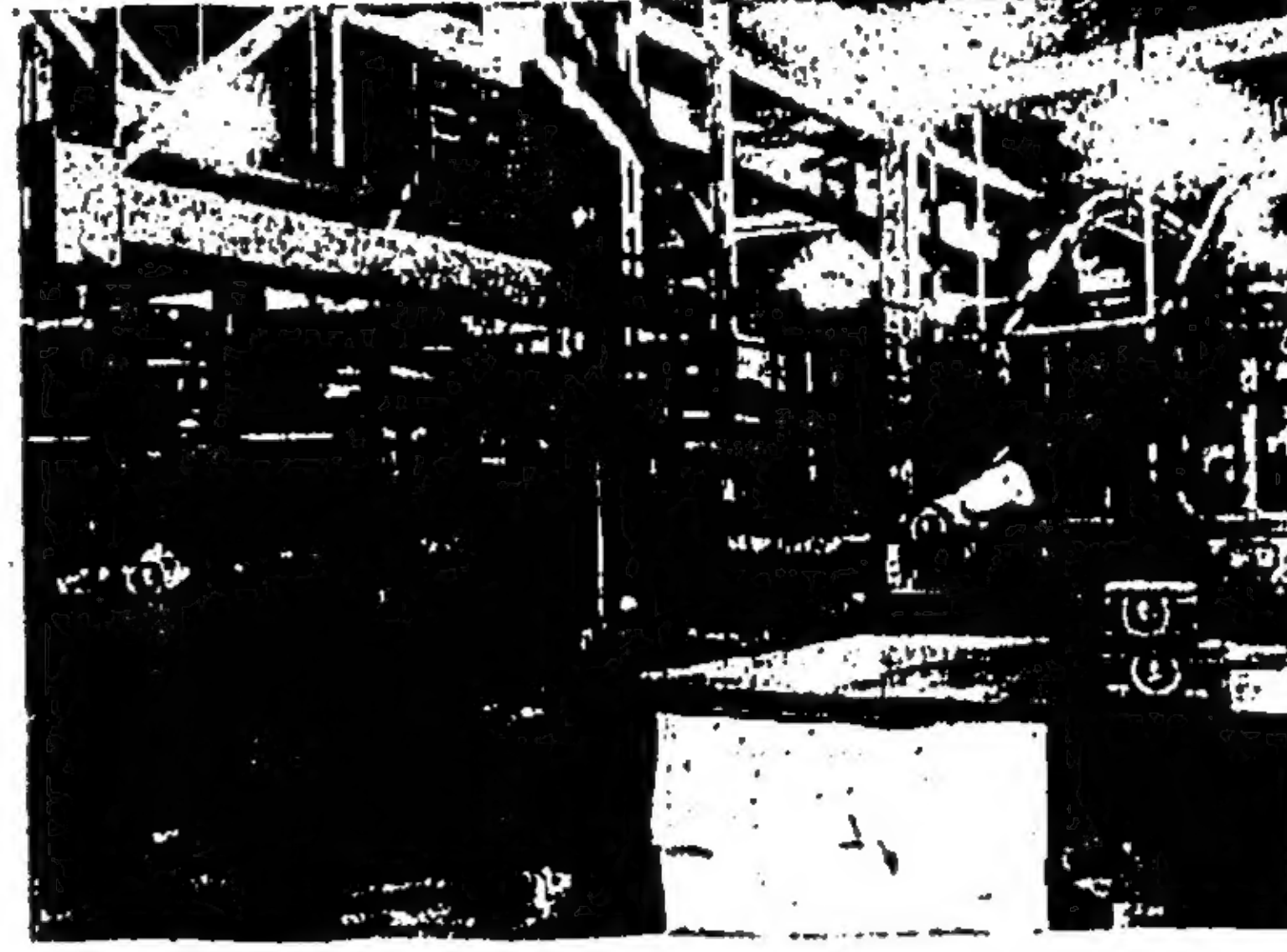


ENGINEERING PAGE

New Conveyors To Ease The Burden



This "Conveyancer" fork lift truck is made by Electro-Hydraulics Ltd., Liverpool Road, Warrington, Lancs, England, and is fitted with special forks for the handling of bricks. A feature of these forks is that their use obviates the need for pallets on which the bricks are stacked.



This picture was taken in a famous ball and roller bearing factory and shows the finished goods passing along a roller conveyor from the inspection department to the power-pulled conveyor which carries them away to the despatch bay. This conveyor will be on view in the Engineering and Hardware Section of the 1949 B.I.F. Birmingham.

Mechanical Handling Equipment For BIF

Modern and well-designed mechanical handling equipment produced to meet the needs of every trade and industry will be on display at the British Industries Fair (Earls Court and Olympia, London, and Castle Bromwich, Birmingham, May 2 to May 13) among the very wide range of engineering equipment and engineering products.

The handling equipment, on view at the Engineering Section of the Fair at Castle Bromwich, will be divided into two groups: one indoors and the other outdoors, according to whether it is planned for use mainly inside a factory or larger equipment chiefly for use in the open air.

Most industrial concerns will find that modern trucks will simplify the handling of materials. Where relatively modest loads are to be moved short distances, as in a small factory, then the obvious means of transport is a suitable hand truck. Modern hand trucks are strongly constructed to withstand the rough treatment to which they are usually subjected, but by making full use of present-day design technique it is possible to make them relatively light. This lightness combined with ball bearing wheels, efficient lubrication and other features now regarded as essential in a good truck, enables the user to manoeuvre heavy loads with comparative ease.

One of the most useful general purpose trucks has a low lifting platform only a few inches above floor level. It can be used as an ordinary fixed platform truck, or it can be used with stillage or pallets on to which goods have been loaded, the loaded stillage being lifted on block just clear of the floor by movement of the platform, after which it can be wheeled away. At its destination the load can be lowered easily on to the floor and the truck wheeled from under it. The lifting and lowering of the platform is carried out with the steering handle which can be coupled to the platform lifting mechanism for that purpose and uncoupled for steering and towing. In most trucks the handle forms a long lever for direct manual lifting, but in one make of truck it operates a hydraulic jack which lifts the platform.

Similar trucks, but power-operated, which are to be shown, cater for heavier loads and longer distances. Lifting-platform power trucks are petrol or battery operated, and are built for loads up to about three tons. The raising and lowering of the platform, in addition to travelling, is performed by power so that the minimum of human effort is needed to lift, transport and deposit a load.

Fork Lift Trucks

The employment of fork lift trucks and the introduction of a pallet system together constitute one of the really marked features of modern trends in mechanical handling, and the fork lift type of

truck is to be well represented at the Fair. All these trucks, whether engine driven or driven by battery-fed electric motors are of a rugged design but with pleasing lines. Special attention is paid to the accessibility of engines, batteries, and so on, and also manoeuvrability—a point of great importance because these trucks are frequently used in confined spaces such as stores and works.

By stacking goods on pallets at every stage of their passage through a works, it is a simple matter to lift heavy batches and to carry them to any point in a works, stores or outside into loading bays. Goods stacked on pallets can be loaded, complete with pallets, by the fork lift truck into lorries or railway trucks and then removed rapidly and with a minimum of man-handling by use of another fork truck when they reach their destination. Fork trucks are being employed today also in ships' holds for the stacking of goods and the carrying of goods from stacks to the crane hook during unloading.

In addition to the types of truck described above, numerous others will be on view e.g. trucks for transporting works pans, barrel trucks and tipping trucks. A useful truck for maintenance departments that handle heavy machinery is a plant truck which has a platform that can be tilted to form a ramp up which the machine can be drawn by a winch or any other device provided on the truck. When the machine is loaded on to the truck the platform is pivoted to a horizontal position ready for transporting the load. At the destination the platform is tilted again to allow the load to slide down it on to the floor.

Belt Conveyors

A good range of conveyors is to be displayed covering the main types: overhead, roller and band or belt conveyors. Conveyors are being introduced in increasing numbers in factories of all kinds, in mines, dockyards and, in fact, wherever it is necessary for goods or materials to be moved long or short distances.

When a conveyor system is installed in a factory for use in assembly work or processing, various advantages are obtained. In the first place a conveyor line defines the path to be taken by the load, and it thus enables a large measure of control to be imposed automatically on work in progress. Components are carried along their proper routes and are not so liable to be side-tracked or lost in odd corners.

The conveyor system also does not lend itself readily to irregular back-tracking of work in progress e.g. the surreptitious return of parts that are faulty. In this

INFRA-RED RADIATION IN TESTING

The use of infra-red radiation in drying and testing is one of the many new processes which are being exploited in Britain today in the industrial drive for increasing output.

One of Britain's largest industrial concerns, the British Thomson-Houston Co. Ltd., Electrical Engineers, have installed an infra-red even in their works at Coventry, England, where it is employed for the detection of leakages in newly manufactured capacitors.

This Mazda oven is constructed along the usual lines with the lamp and polished aluminium ventilation control panels housed within an enclosure of aluminium sheeting on an angle-iron framework.

Great care has been taken to secure adequate ventilation which, although permitting cold air to circulate and so cool the lamp caps, ensures that the air inside the oven remains at a reasonably constant temperature. Ventilation problems are simplified as no solvents are used during the process. The ventilation control panels ensure the utmost efficiency by reflecting any stray infra-red rays back on to the capacitors. A total of 72 lamps are mounted in four rows, two rows on each side of the oven.

De-Greased

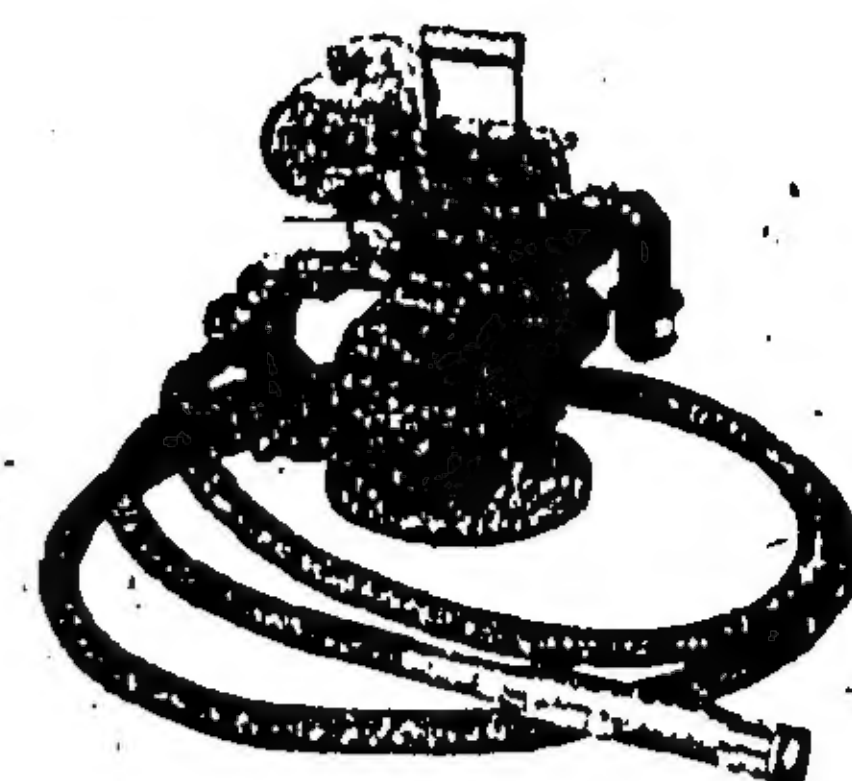
Newly-made capacitors are first placed in a "de-greasing" bath to ensure that the outer casings are completely free from any traces of the petroleum jelly with which they are filled. They are then carried in two rows, at a speed of 18 inches per minute, into the oven where they are subjected to a moderate heat. While passing through the oven the petroleum jelly is melted and it leaks out in the capacitor casings they are indicated by the presence of grease.

On leaving the oven, the capacitors are conveyed to the examiners who repair any faults. An additional production aid has been incorporated in the form of two warning lights which indicate to the loader that one or both examiners are not being adequately supplied.

The electrical circuit of the infra-red lamps is wired in conjunction with the circuit controlling the conveyor belt so that should the belt stop the lamps will automatically go out, thus avoiding over-heating of the capacitors which are still in the oven.

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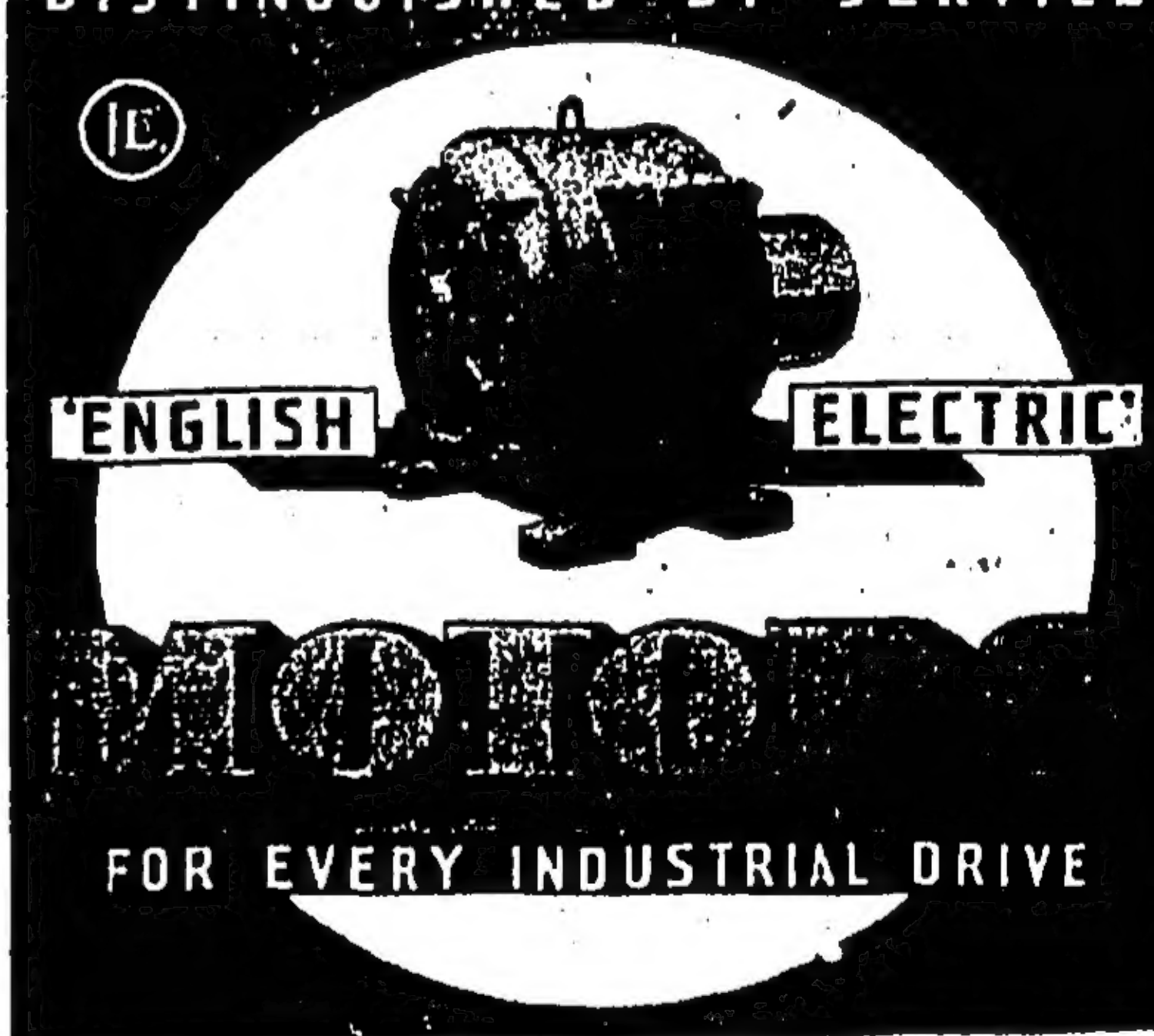
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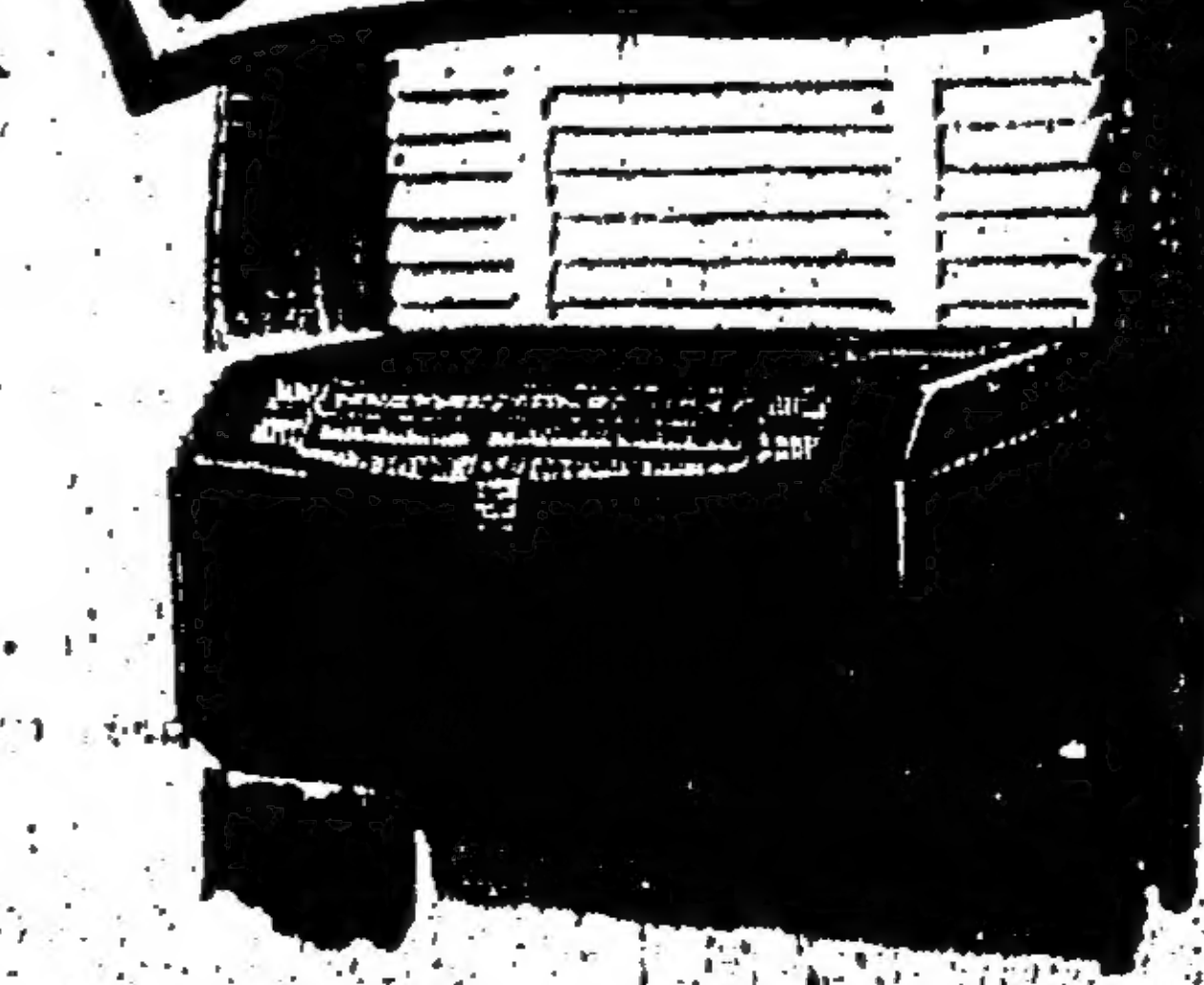
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"RUSSIANS PREPARING FOR WAR THIS YEAR"

Washington, April 5.

Two recently escaped Polish officials said today that Russia has massed more than 300,000 troops in Poland for an attack on the West which may come this year.

The two Poles were presented at a press conference by the former Vice-Premier, Stanislaw Mikolajczyk.

They said that Russia has been intensifying military preparations in Poland in the past six months.

Envoy May Lose Use Of One Eye

London, April 5.

An American Embassy spokesman here tonight said there are fears that the American Ambassador, Mr. Lewis Douglas, may lose the sight of one eye as the result of a fishing accident in which a fly hook caught in his eye.

Mr. Douglas was fishing in the River Test, near Andover, Hampshire, one of the most beautiful rivers in England and a famous trout stream. He was the weekend guest of the exclusive Houghton Fishing Club.

After the accident he was immediately rushed to hospital in Southampton and the eye was operated on yesterday. His engagements were cancelled for a week.

This condition this afternoon was said to be as good as can be expected. Mr. Douglas is being attended by Mr. Maurice Whiting, one of Britain's leading eye surgeons. —Reuter.

Gold Returns To Shanghai

Shanghai, April 6.

Some 100,000 ounces of gold bars, recently shipped to South China for safe keeping, have been returned to Shanghai to aid the Central Bank in its efforts to stabilize prices and check inflation, according to unconfirmed Chinese press reports today.

Following yesterday's "unofficial" holiday declared by markets to settle outstanding accounts with the Central Bank, business was expected to return to normal today. However, it is believed that the Central Bank will feature repeat of its Monday's large-scale gold dumping at regular intervals. —Reuter.

YOUTHS TOLD: BE ATHEISTS

Moscow, April 5.

Communist youth was told today to be atheist and fight religion by Mr. T. Yershov, secretary of the Central Committee of the Komsomol (Communist Youth).

He urged members in a speech at the organization's Youth Congress to educate school children "in the atheist spirit of the struggle with prejudices and superstition."

The Komsomol must intensify instruction in natural science to combat religion, he said. Mr. N. A. Mikhailov, another Komsomol leader, said the clergy are trying to increase influence on youth and that the Komsomol cannot remain neutral toward religion.

He said: "The performance of religious rites is incompatible with membership in the Komsomol."

Mr. A. A. Voznesenski, Education Minister in the Russian Federated Republic, said the Soviet Union has liquidated illiteracy completely. He said 35,000,000 children are attending schools in the Soviet Union. —United Press.

"This Year"

Asked if there was any indication when the planned attack would be launched, the Poles said it was their feeling that it could happen this year.

Banczyk and Wojcik said they escaped from Poland two months ago and arrived here last week. They would not reveal their route other than to indicate that they had passed through Germany. —United Press.

Two Appeals Dismissed

London, April 5.

The appeal of Harry Lewis against sentence of death for the murder of Harry Saul Michaelson, cartoonist and variety artist, in a London flat was dismissed by the Court of Criminal Appeal today.

Lewis entered the flat as a burglar and struck Michaelson with a steel chair. Michaelson was getting out of bed. The Court of Criminal Appeal today also dismissed an appeal by Malcolm Frederick Roach, Canadian, aged 34, living at Leyton, Essex, against his conviction for the murder of his wife, Rose Louise aged 25. Roach had been sentenced to death. —Reuter.

GLIDER ESCAPE FAILS

Vienna, April 5.

The "Arbeiter Zeitung" reported today that a Czech pilot, trying to escape from Czechoslovakia in a glider, was arrested just inside Austria by the Soviet authorities.

The glider came down in the Caensendorf area, the paper added. —Reuter.

FIRE HORROR IN HOSPITAL

Effingham, Illinois, April 5.

Two women in labour escaped from a blazing hospital here early today in which nearly 60 people, including about 20 children, are feared to have lost their lives.

Both expectant mothers, one of whom jumped from a second-floor window, gave birth to babies immediately afterwards, and all four are reported doing well.

Eighteen inmates, including eight babies, were killed leaping from the windows of the four-story St. Anthony's Hospital, which was destroyed in less than an hour. Many others were badly injured. Trapped victims screamed for help as firemen from six nearby communities battled to free them and relatives searched frantically for their kinsfolk in the intense heat.

Firemen found the bodies of 11 babies still in their flame-blackened metal cribs in the charred wreckage of the second floor. The uncounted bodies of patients from upper floors were strewn about the nursery and under windows.

The Catholic nuns in charge of the hospital set up a first-aid station in a garage.

Amazing Escapes

Dr. George Wood, a staff physician, put the number of the dead at 55 to 58, but an accurate figure could not be given as the hospital records were lost. The police records showed that 55 people escaped. The hospital chaplain, Father Sandon, is reported to have died. Two nuns and a nurse are missing.

An expectant mother, aged 24, who jumped from a second-floor window, gave birth to her baby in a nearby home less than two hours later. The second expectant mother, who was already in the delivery room when the fire broke out, managed to escape and was transferred to a neighbouring hospital, where her baby was born.

The blaze was thought to have started in a coal chute with the flames flashing up a lift shaft and enveloping the whole building. The hospital is in the residential section of Effingham, a town of 8,000 population 200 miles South of Chicago. —Reuter.

Germans Strike In U.S. Zone

Frankfurt, April 6.

German trade union officials were in a fighting mood after the first day of an uneventful transport workers' strike in the American zone state of Hesse.

A union official expressed the conviction: "We will be victorious." Approximately 2,500 workers of private transport organisations walked out from their jobs yesterday morning in the key cities of the state, demanding higher wages.

The Transport Workers' Union reports it has its followers well under control and no incidents have occurred. Pickets are guarding some transport companies' premises.

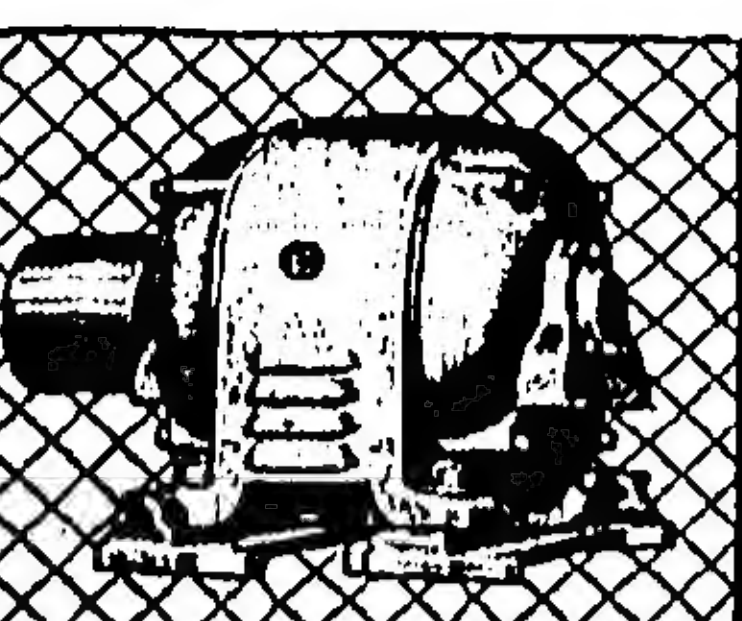
Union negotiations with the employers for a 15 per cent wage rise failed on Monday night. The

union yesterday said: "We shall hold out the longest until we are victorious."

The strikers will receive compensation for their wage losses from the union, an official said.

It is not known yet if a Government mediator will be called to settle the dispute. Government mediator will be, however, believe in an early settlement.

They said the strike was not felt much yet because state and city-employed transport workers are not involved. —Associated Press.



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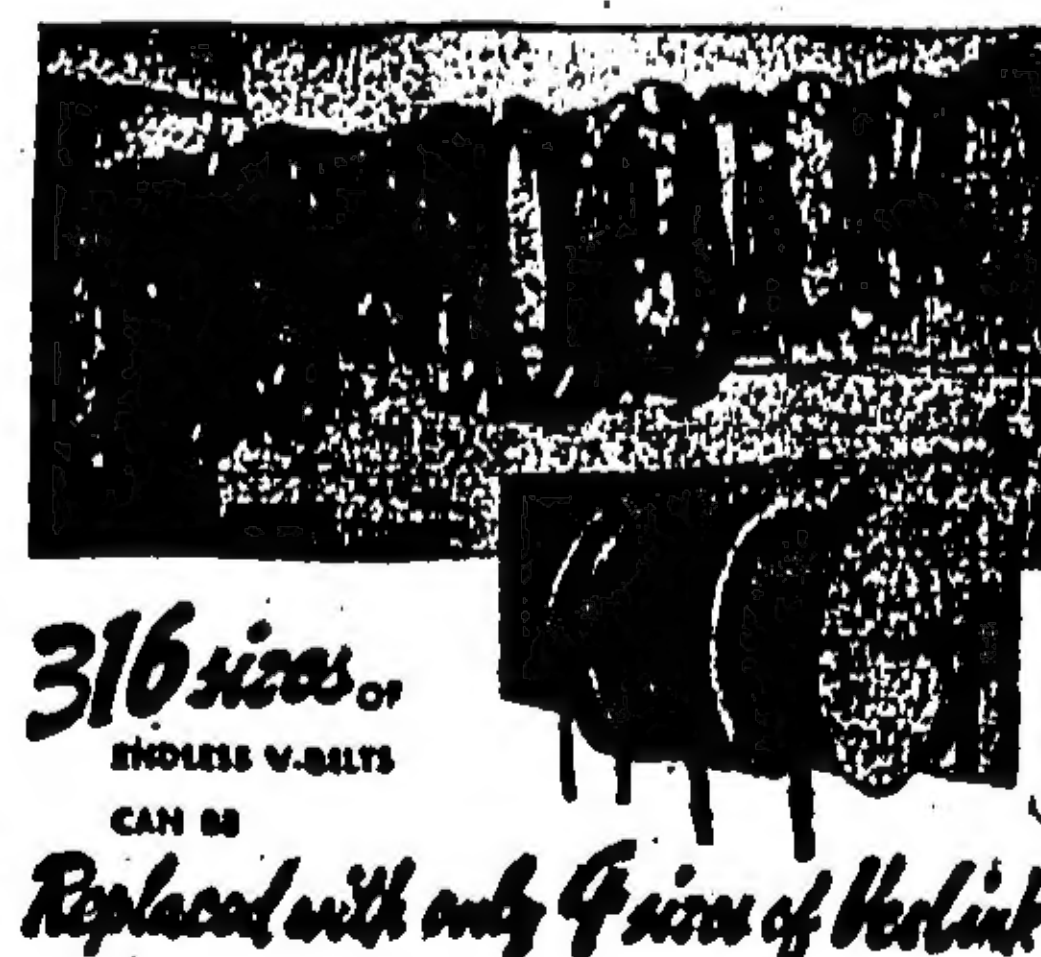
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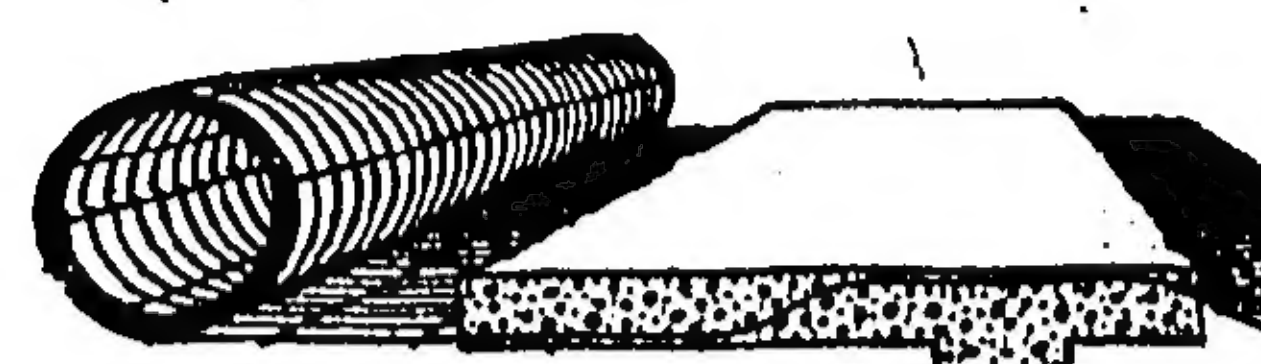
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KAREN LEADER'S UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER OFFER

Rangoon, April 5.

Saw Ba U Gyi, President of the fighting Karen tribesmen who have been in revolt against the Government since the end of January, went to Rangoon under protective escort today to sign surrender terms, a pro-Government report stated.

A cease-fire was ordered at Insein, a Karen-held railway town 10 miles North of Rangoon, after Saw Ba U Gyi's unconditional surrender offer, the report added. The tribesmen took over the town on February 2 and have fought off repeated all-out Government attacks.

Last month, the Government offered an amnesty to the Karens—Burma's largest majority—if they stopped fighting by April 1.

In a nationwide broadcast to-night, the Burmese Prime Minister, Thakun Nu, promised that elections would be held within a month if the insurgents stopped immediately. Besides the Karens, Government troops are fighting the Communists, the Mons tribesmen and the "White Band" members of the People's Volunteer Organisation.

Thakun Nu told the Burmese nation that he would not acquiesce to political demands though the office of Premier is not attractive to him.

In the second broadcast within a week, Thakun Nu said the political power entrusted to the Burmese people by the late Aung San "would never be surrendered."

He said: "I will resign from office only after I return this power to the rightful owners."

He concluded: "No political demand will seize power by forcible means."

Cabinet Changes

Lieutenant General Ne Win, Commander-in-Chief of Burma's armed forces, yesterday became Burma's Deputy Prime Minister, it was officially announced.

He will also be in charge of Defence and Home Affairs. The portfolio of Foreign Affairs passes into the hands of another new Cabinet Minister, Supreme Court Judge Lee Maung, who is also in charge of Judicial Rehabilitation, Health and Rural Administration.

Premier Thakun Nu will also assume the portfolio of National Planning.

Two additional portfolios were given to Finance Minister U Tin.

These are Commerce and Supplies, and Mines and Industry. Former Judicial Minister Ba Gyan becomes Minister of Forests and Agriculture and Information Minister Tun Be assumes in addition the Education portfolio.

Mahn Win Maung, in addition to being Transport and Communications Minister, becomes Public Works and Labour Minister.

The announcement said the Frontier Areas Ministry is unchanged with Mahn Ba Saing continuing as Karen Affairs Minister.—Reuter and Associated Press.

Britain's Talks With Portugal

London, April 5.

Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, denied in the House of Commons today that the Anglo-Portuguese trade and financial negotiations had broken down.

"They are now being resumed through the British Embassy at Lisbon, and we expect quite shortly to reach a mutually satisfactory agreement," he said.

"The interruption of United Kingdom exports to Portugal should be regarded as temporary," he added.

Mr. Oliver Crosswhite-Eyre, Conservative, had asked why the negotiations had broken down in view of the serious effect the exclusion of British exports from the Portuguese market would have. He also asked how much had been lost through Portugal's cutting off of British imports.

The Chancellor replied that he did not think Britain had necessarily lost anything.—Reuter.

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Easter Race Meeting,

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There are twelve races each day. The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 Noon each day. The tiffin interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

Through Numbers (24 Races—\$48) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, also tickets for the special Cash Sweep on the last race of the second day, as well as those for the "Lantao Handicap" to be run at the 6th Race Meeting on 21st May 1949. Tickets in the Special Cash Sweep on the last race and those for the "Lantao Handicap" may be purchased also at the club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE. Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 each day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all costs etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE. The Treasurers' Comptroller's Office and the Secretary's office will close 10 a.m. each day.

Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building. A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING. PUBLIC ENCLOSURE. The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting. Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES. Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

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Lisbon, April 5.

A woman and 37 men were today sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from 10 months to three years, for "subversive and Communist activities."

All the accused will lose their political rights for from one to five years.

Nine men were acquitted of the charges in the trial, which had five sessions and was open to the public.—Reuter.

PACIFIC QUAKE

Tokyo, April 6.

The Central Meteorological Observatory in Tokyo. Officials at the Observatory believe that the epicentre is located under the sea about 200 miles South of Vladivostok.

It is said to be the first recorded quake in this area since 1939.—Reuter.

Sharp Exchanges At ECAFE Talks

Bangkok, April 6.

The United Nations ECAFE today concluded the whole committee conference by approving a movement to set up a representative committee on industry and trade, open to all members and associate members and with power to implement decisions.

The Soviet delegate, S. Nemtchina, Minister to Siam, opposed the action and cast the sole ballot against it. Burma, and China abstained.

Before adjournment until the full meeting of ECAFE in Singapore on October 10, there were sharp exchanges between delegates. The United Kingdom delegate, P.H.J. Stent, criticised the Soviet suggestions, saying the Soviet delegate was full of fantastic suggestions and groundless accusations. He said: "M. Nemtchina's misapprehensions must be due to misunderstanding of the democratic processes of Western countries which, of course, is not surprising."

M. Nemtchina said the Soviet Union is ready to export products to countries in the

ECAFE region in exchange for products required by Russia, with a view to assisting the economic independence of the peoples of the region.

Yesterday's resolutions adopted called on the ECAFE secretariat, assisted by the necessary experts as consultants, to make an investigation into coal, power, alcohol, and chemical fertilisers and report in due course to the Commission. It also called for the establishment of a transport division in the secretariat. It recommended the setting up of an expert sub-committee to assemble information on iron deposits and other ones for steel manufacture and to make reports on the progress of iron and steel expansion projects.—Associated Press.

CHINESE REDS MASS OPPOSITE INDOCHINA

Hanoi, April 6.

Some 10,000 uniformed and well-armed Chinese Communists are massed on the Northern frontier of Indo-China awaiting the order to attack French positions, a highly qualified French source said yesterday.

These Communist forces include 10 battalions on the Laokay-Hoangsuphi sector on the North Western frontier and 15 battalions on the North Eastern border between Langson and Moncay, scene of a recent "feeling out" assault by the Chinese.

This source revealed that the French High Command expects a strong strike at any moment in the North Eastern section where the Chinese are more numerous and where they can count on the support of Communist cells among the local population.

All these Chinese troops are under the command of Communist General Tchou Kia-pli, Commander of the Yunnan and Kwangsi regions, according to this same source.

Two Chinese Communist regiments—the 20th and the 21st—are concentrated in the region of Moncay, according to intelligence reports.

Recent attacks on Moncay were led by two battalions from the 20th regiment, said to be commanded by Colonel Sam Ong-dhow.

This source said the Chinese Communist troops were wearing khaki and helmets bearing a red star.

The situation of French forces in Tonkin—the Northern section of Indochina—is described as unfavourable because of the lack of manpower.

This has forced French troops to go on the defensive against attacks by the rebel Viet-Minh—Indochinese Nationalist—forces.

This source said that unless an urgent remedy is applied, the position of these French troops could become perilous.

French sources said that a week ago the commander of the Chinese Nationalist Ninth regiment stationed at Tongking, a Chinese town facing Moncay, sent a message to French officials admitting he was unable to prevent Communists from passing through his lines to attack the French.

Informed French military sources predicted a joint assault by the Chinese Communists from the North coupled with Viet Minh guerrillas from the rear on French posts.—Associated Press.

BRITAIN'S DRASTIC TAXATION

London, April 5.

Britons paid 30 per cent of their personal incomes in taxation last year, compared with 19 per cent in 1938, according to estimates published today in a Government survey of national expenditure.

Spurred by Government calls for still greater output, Britons last year produced goods and services worth £9,775 million—11 per cent more than in 1947.

Simultaneously with their battle for recovery, the people fought another against prices, which rose on the average by about seven per cent over 1947.

Company profits, in a partly inflated Britain, showed a rise of 17 per cent over 1947, but the whole of this increase went either to reserves or into provision for taxation.

The National Wage Bill increased 12½ per cent between 1947 and 1948, and practically the whole increase was due to a rise in the average earnings.

Salaries rose six per cent and professional earnings by 10 per cent.—Reuter.

U.S. Resolution On Mindszenty

Washington, April 5.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today sent to the Senate a resolution protesting against the prosecution of Cardinal Mindszenty in Hungary.

The Committee unanimously endorsed the resolution, and approval by the Senate itself is almost certain.

The Committee Chairman, Senator Tom Connally, said that the resolution represents a watered down version of what had been planned originally.—Reuter.

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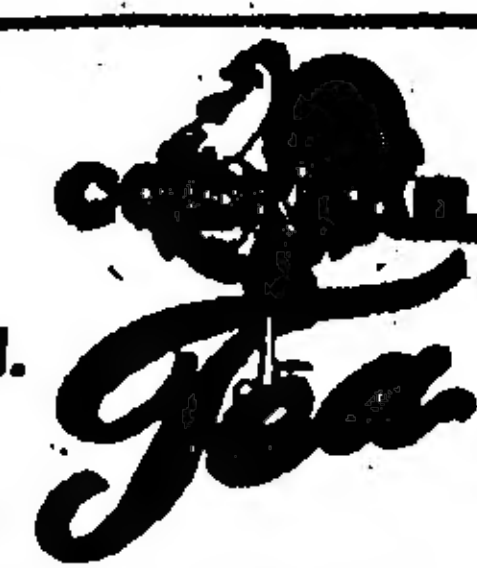
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YUNG, CHONG WIN IN THRILLING UPSET

(By "KIMBERLEY")

In a thrilling upset at the badminton championships last night at the Kowloon Cricket Club, C. Y. Yung and K. P. Chong claimed the Junior Men's Doubles title from D. C. Lau and W. C. Chung, taking the games to two deuces in three sets that had the spectators almost at the ceiling with excitement.

Another upset but minus the thrills was Hong Kong University's left-hander C. K. Lee's effortless victory over a dishevelled Robert Tay to take the Singles crown in two straight sets, 15-11, 15-7.

In the Ladies' Singles (Seniors), Ulian Khoo showed superior badminton craft in defeating Marie Ribeiro in three sets, losing the second one, in which she erred extravagantly, after a deuce.

Ulian had Marie all the way under her control. In the first set, play was even till the third point. Khoo who displayed a better understanding of court tricks had Marie dancing to her tune with no drops placed just where Marie couldn't reach them.

Marie on the other hand was doing a neat amount of smothering, particularly when Ulian's backhand returns took to upward flights.

Ulian then forced Ribeiro to back court with ceiling lob, scoring each time with a cut placing to mid-court. Her cut drops were even more telling. With this mixture of play Ulian ran ahead to a 4-2 lead before Marie gathered another two points on Khoo's consecutive short ones.

The score continued progressively in Khoo's favour until the set was counted at 10-5.

Marie then found her feet, which until now had been slow in getting to Ulian's shots.

Service from this stage changed hands about six times with neither able to make a point. Play was becoming faster as both girls moved their shots with stylish effect.

After a prolonged duel at lob, Marie rushed up for a kill but hit the shuttle against the net after Ulian's service to end the first set at 15-6 that went to Khoo.

Marie's Comeback
Marie came back excellently in the second and had Ulian committing errors in every part of the court. Score was 5-1 for Marie after some fine display by both players with Marie collecting from Ulian's defensive returns which were ripe for kills.

Ulian drew up steadily but Marie was also scoring in between exciting rallies that more often than not saw Ulian fumbling in attempting difficult strokes. Although Ulian picked up a deuce at 9-9, she gave way in the following three points to Ribeiro's good play.

The deciding set saw Ulian back for the kill. After giving Marie a two-point lead, she levelled up at 2-2, then lost the next point but earned the following four points to place the score at 7-3.

More thrilling rallies continued in between four exchanges of service before Ulian took the shuttle to send up four more points to clinch the match. It was a champion's game with the

Junior Men's Doubles

The game that had spectators on the edge of their seat with thrill and suspense was the Junior Men's Doubles between Yung-Chong and Lau-Chung.

At no stage of the three sets was it possible to pick out the winner, at such close quarters was the match being fought. The issue was decided on the last point of a deuce game in the first set.

In all that has been written and said about badminton games during the season, I do not believe there was any Senior or Junior match that can be compared with that game last night which decided the Junior Men's Doubles championship.

The first set ended in a deuce. Lau and Chung, much favoured to win, led up temporarily (note the word) when they led at 5-2 after winning the service from Yung and Chong who had cussed in two points with it.

Lau and Chung continued to hold their marginal lead until the eighth point when the score read 8-5.

Three points came quickly to Yung and Chong, levelling at 9-9. Then the game took to its peak in thrills, which never relaxed until the match came to its final point.

All through this, there was no usual long rallies. Points were being scored in short spurts of lightning shots with all four players poised.

The feature of the match was that both sides refused to be put on the defence, countering one another, lob for lob, smash for smash, and placing in such fantastic patterns that it tired one to watch.

Chung's smashes had power and accuracy but both Yung and Chong were up to the occasion. The heavier Chong was not, however, as active as his partner Yung, who committed some costly errors, when occasions presented easy kills on an open court and he fumbled. The first game finished at 17-14 for Yung and Chong.

No Let-Up
Although the favoured pair returned to take the second set in 15-4 play was kept over as briskly as before. There was no let-up in either side in their forceful endeavour to keep the initiative. Lau was by now weakening. In this set the pace was kept to such

Robert Tay Leaving HK

Robert Tay, the former Colony badminton singles champion who lost his title to C.K. Lee last night, may not be playing in the championship Men's Doubles on Saturday.

Late on Tuesday afternoon, Tay received a cable from his people in Malaya, calling him home immediately for his father, whom he had not seen for some 10 years, is seriously ill.

Tay is now waiting for his papers to be ready and will leave by the first plane.

His partner is Patrick Wong in the doubles game, which has been arranged for Saturday.

speed that both sides started getting in their own way. Both pairs clashed frequently when reaching for shots.

Lau and Chung were the first to pull out of this with Chung more steady than his partner Lau.

Lau went to pieces completely in the final set. His form became erratic. But forced into play by speedy and vigorous duels, he jumped into his stride and smashes dropped and retrieved in a brilliant manner.

Lau, it was obvious, could not stand the pace. Time and again his partner Chung had to call the shots to him to prevent clashing, which would have disrupted the combination completely.

In the final set, points came in three of three each. Yung and Chong led with the first three then Lau and Chung made them all back to level.

In The Final Set
In the final set, Yung and Chong led with three points only to have them levelled by the opposite pair again. They carried the score to 4-3 before giving back the service on which Lau and Chung failed to capitalise.

The next three points were earned off Lau's errors. Lau was at this stage completely in pieces although he stood up gallantly to the attack, countering somewhat but always ending in fault.

His partner Chung on the other hand never gave up. He threw in all the strokes in the book, plus his own peculiar few, and managed to stall the tide.

Here, Lung and Chong led 12-9, but Lau's spasmodic return of brilliance crept up to level at 12-12 then going into a deuce.

The last four points were a fitting climax to a grand match. Yung and Chong served. The score went 2-0, 2-2, 3-3, 4-4, and after a long rally with two changes of service, Lau was beaten by a smash and Yung-Chong won the set and title.

Robert Tay's Defeat
In the Senior Men's Singles, Robert Tay actually handed over his singles crown to HKU's C.K. Lee.

Tay wasn't even trying, it seemed. Followers of Tay during the first set believed that he was trying out, as is usual in his singles games.

Lee didn't have to be in form last night. As it was the new champion, hadn't to exert very much. All he did was drive to Tay's forehand, low to score. And he did. Tay's mind didn't seem to be on the shuttle.

In the two sets, Robert Tay's usual irrefragable back court smashes were conspicuously absent. Occasionally he made a neat low drop, but that was just about all. Only once did we see his brilliant smash. The other times his returns were either feeble or went too far and wide.

C.K. Lee did not have much chance, therefore, to show his best. He did, however, bring about some fine shots. All of them, needless to say, counted.

The match ended, 15-11, 15-7. Results: Senior Ladies' Singles: Ulian Khoo beat Marie Ribeiro, 11-0, 9-12, 11-3.

Junior Men's Doubles: C.Y. Yung and K.P. Chong beat D.C. Lau and W.C. Chung, 17-14, 4-15, 10-15.

Senior Men's Singles: C.K. Lee beat Robert Tay, 15-11, 15-7.

HKFA MEETING
A meeting of the Interport Subcommittee of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held at the Association's Office at 5.30 p.m. today.

Agenda: Final selection of the Interport team for Manila.

Derby County May Win On Saturday

(By 'ALCYDES')

This Saturday we have a full league programme in Home Football, with perhaps the best match of the day at the Baseball Ground, where Derby County who went down to the bottom dogs, Middlesboro, last Saturday, will entertain Newcastle.

This encounter should prove a real test of football skill. This will be Newcastle's first visit to Derby since 1934 when they then shared the points. I think on this occasion, however, I shall give Derby the benefit of the doubt and plump for a Home win.

Manchester United whose exit from the Cup last week came somewhat as a surprise to soccer enthusiasts, are this week at Home to Chelsea and to me it seems to be the safest home bet of the day.

Portsmouth will find Blackpool quite a stiff hurdle to surmount and I would not be surprised to see the latter hold them to a draw.

At the other end of the table we find almost half a dozen teams in very bad straits and it is anyone's guess who is likely to fall from grace this season.

Huddersfield, who dropped to rock bottom again last Saturday, losing to Chelsea by 5-1, are this week at home to Birmingham and will find points difficult to come by. Villa and Preston, both deeply involved in this relegation issue, oppose each other at Villa Park, and it looks to me as though Villa will be the team to improve their position this week.

Middlesboro, the other team whose Division one status is at stake are away to Arsenal, and it will need all the football skill they possess to take a point from the 'Gunners'.

In Division II, Fulham, who received a rude set-back last week will this Saturday be engaged with a much improved Leeds United, and will find the latter quite a hard nut to crack. However, I think the 'promotion this year' incentive will enable the Cottagers to win the day.

Who will stop Southampton?—not West Ham I'm thinking! It should mean another two points in the bag for Solon, even without their star centre forward Wayman, who was injured last week. By winning this match they should thus ensure themselves of a place in the premier Division next season which will be the first time in the history of the club. No one will dispute that they are worthy champions on this season's displays.

Both Notts Forest and Lincoln City at the other end of the table seem to have put on a spurt in recent weeks. This Saturday Forest entertain the Cup finalists, Leicester City and I am inclined to think that both points will go to the Home team.

Lincoln City, on the other hand, will not find things so easy at Cardiff, in fact they will be

fortunate to profit a point from their visit to Wales.

Swansea in the Third Division (South) who lost their 100 per cent home record to Southend last week are away to Northampton on Saturday and should account for the 'Cobblers' fairly easily.

Hull City who have now taken over the leadership of the Northern Division, look all set to win this week with an away win to the present 'Wooden spoonists' Southport. To me it looks like the best away bet of the day.

Forecasts for the matches to be played on April 9:

DIVISION I
ARSENAL v Middlesboro
ASTON VILLA v Preston
Blackpool v Portsmouth
BOLTON v Charlton
BURNLEY v Newcastle
Huddersfield v Birmingham
Liverpool v MANCHESTER C.
MANCHESTER U. v Chelsea
SHEFFIELD U. v Everton
SUNDERLAND v Burnley
WOLVES v Stoke.

DIVISION II
BARNLEY v Tottenham
Blackburn v Sheffield W.
BRADFORD v Bury
CARDIFF v Lincoln
FULHAM v Leeds U.
Grimsby v BRENTFORD
Luton v WEST BROM.
NOTES: F. v Leicester
PLYMOUTH v Coventry
Queens P.R. v CHESTERFIELD
SOUTHAMPTON v West Ham

DIVISION III (SOUTH)
ALDERSHOT v Torquay
Brighton v Bristol R.
BRISTOL C. v Watford
EXETER v Crystal P.
Leyton v IPSWICH
MILLWALL v Walsall
NORWICH v Reading
Northampton v SWANSEA
Port Vale v NOTTS C.
Southend v Newport
Swindon v BOURNEMOUTH

DIVISION III (NORTH)
CARLISLE v Tranmere
Chester v DONCASTER
Crewe v ROTHERHAM
DARLINGTON v Wrexham
GATESHEAD v Mansfield
Hartlepool v Barrow
New Brighton v BRADFORD C.
ROCHDALE v Halifax
Southport v HULL C.
STOCKPORT v Oldham
York v Accrington.

MALAYAN BADMINTON TEAM CAN BE BEATEN

Copenhagen, April 5.

The all-conquering Malayan badminton team, holders of the Thomas Cup, can be beaten by Denmark if the Danes play the right sort of game in their match starting here on April 11, according to Mr. Ken Davidson, trainer-manager to the American Thomas Cup team.

In a letter to a Danish friend, Mr. Davidson, a Scottish badminton champion and Yorkshire cricketer, wrote: "You can beat the Malaysians if you play right. Do not try to win too early and do not take any chances. Use clears and drops and keep the shuttle in play."

Although the Danish team has not been selected, the

probables have settled down to a strict training routine and are determined to avenge their 8-1 defeat by the Malaysians in the finals of the Thomas Cup at Preston.

The Malaysians will also take part in the international tournament which is to be played here during Easter.

Danish fans are eagerly waiting to see Chan Kung Leong in action with Tony Ahn, holder of the Danish women's singles title, whom he is expected to partner in the mixed doubles.

A feature of the mixed doubles may be the appearance of David Freeman, All-England champion and American No. 1 player who has not been defeated in a singles match for ten years. He has tabbed stating that he wants to appear in the doubles with his wife. This caused some surprise among Danish badminton players, who were unaware that Mrs. Freeman was in tournament class.—Reuter.

KICK-OFF TIMES

With the introduction of Summer Time, the time of kick-off for soccer matches will, until further notice, be as follows:
Week days—3.40 p.m.
Week-ends—3.00 p.m.—3.30 p.m.; 1st Division—6.00 p.m.

SOUTH CHINA'S ANNUAL MEET ON MAY 19, 20, 22

The Annual Open Athletic Meet, sponsored by the South China Athletic Association, will be held on the Association's Ground at Carolina Hill on May 19, 20 and 22.

The Meet, which is held annually with the aim of promoting interest in track and field events, is open to contestants in the Colony as well as in outports.

Mr. Aw Boon-haw has consented to donate all prizes and to defray all expenses in connection with the Meet.

All entries for the Meet should be sent to the South China Athletic Association Stadium, Carolina Hill, on or before May 5. Outport entries received after May 5 will be considered valid only if the postmarks stamped on the envelopes clearly show that they were posted on or before the closing date.

Intending contestants should submit entry forms containing the following particulars: (1) Name and address; (2) Nationality and (3) Number and title of events in which the contestant intends to participate. Two passport-size photographs should also accompany each entry form.

An entry fee of HK\$2 is charged for each team taking part in a Relay Race; the entry fee for all other events is HK\$0.50.

Contestants may be of any nationality, but no individual can submit entries for more than four events. In the case of Clubs, only three members shall be eligible for each individual event. Six members can be listed for the Relay Races, but of these, only four will be allowed to actually participate.

System Of Scoring
The system of scoring will be the same as that which was adopted at the 7th Chinese National Athletic Meet, that is, for each event, 10, six, four, three, two and one points will be awarded to those occupying the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th places respectively.

Suitable prizes or souvenirs will be awarded to those taking the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places in each event. In the case of relay races, separate souvenirs will be awarded to the Club or Association which those taking part represent.

In the event of any contestant being proved to the satisfaction of the Committee to have been guilty of any breach of the rules or of misconduct, the Committee shall have power to order the offending individual or party off the field or to be suspended.

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REMINDER FOR KCC MEMBER
Members of the Kowloon Cricket Club who intend entering for the Spring tennis tournaments are reminded that the entries for these events close at the Club house tomorrow at 7 p.m.

In all, there will be five handicapped events and so far the entries promise some good competition. Entry forms may be obtained from the Club secretary and it is hoped to play off most of the first rounds on Easter Monday.

Competitors will be informed through the press and by notice on the Club's notice board as to when they have to play off their games.

TENNIS MATCHES
A series of tennis exhibitions will take place on the Chinese Recreation Club on April 10, commencing at 3 p.m.

Lady Mah-kun Lo will present the prizes to winners of the following:
(1) Open Hard Court Championship.
(2) League Championship.
(3) Club Championship.

Team Picked For Cricket

The following team has been selected to represent Rent of the League against the Second Division Cricket Champions, Indian Recreation Club, at the IRC at 1.45 p.m. on Saturday, April 9.

S.A. Gray (KCC) (Captain), E.A.J. Hancock (KCC), H. Matthews (KCC), A.E. Noronha (Recrelo), E.A.R. Alves (Recrelo), C. Osmond (Recrelo), C. Hughes (Navy), J. Windmill (Navy), Rees (Army), Stevenson (Army) and Aircraftman Follett (RAF).

Reserves: D.G. White (KCC) and E. Noise (Navy).

Any player who is unable to play is requested to inform Mr. S.A. Gray by telephone (No. 28015).

HOCKEY FIXTURE

The YMCA Hockey team to meet the Civil Service tomorrow at 5.30 p.m. on the YMCA pitch will be—

Caynes: Bull, Gorely: D. Inglis, Gibbons, Smith: Blenkinsop, A. Inglis, Boycott, Robertson, Slater, Reserve: Cleme.

The team to meet Cable & Wireless on Sunday April 10 at 1.00 p.m. on the YMCA pitch will be—

Caynes: Gorely, Smith: D. Inglis, Gibbons, Robertson, Blenkinsop, Welldon, Boycott, Jacques, Slater, Reserve: A. Inglis, Bull, Cleme.

HOCKEY MEETING

A meeting of the Hong Kong Hockey Association will be held in the Board Room of the "South Morning Post" today at 5.30 p.m.

Main items on the agenda will be the draw for the Interport and Quadrangular Tournaments—the former including eight Nations and the latter between the Army, Navy, R.A.F. and Civilian. All Representatives and Club Secretaries are requested to attend.

Royal Navy Victors In Soccer Match

Royal Navy 3—Kwong Wah 1

The heavy downpour at about 5 p.m. yesterday did not deter Royal Navy and Kwong Wah from playing off their first Division soccer fixture at Causeway Bay, the game ending in a win for the sailors by three goals to one.

In spite of the heavy state of the ground and the rain, both teams displayed excellent ball control and the game was played at a brisk pace from start to finish.

Navy settled down to clever football from the kick-off and carried out a number of raids on the Kwong Wah goal, but their forwards found Tam Woon-cheuk a stumbling block in their way to goals.

Kwong Wah were always dangerous whenever they were on the move and it was during one of their occasional breakaways that they drew first blood, Ng Yan-pui, beating Adie with a well placed shot.

Navy attacked strongly after this setback and were soon on equal terms, Tozer scoring with a beautiful shot from a free kick just outside the penalty area.

The sailors continued to dominate the exchanges and just before the whistle blew for half time, Brown put them ahead with a fine shot, the ball curving into the net with Tam Woon-cheuk out of his charge.

Navy's Narrow Escapes
The second half opened with the Navy attacking, but Kwong Wah retained strongly and the Navy goal had several narrow escapes, only the weakness of the Kwong Wah forwards preventing them from scoring.

As the game progressed, the sailors gained the upper hand and the Kwong Wah defence was subject to a hectic time as the Navy launched attack after attack. Tam Woon-cheuk was playing a splendid game in goal for Kwong Wah and his confident handling of the slippery ball robbed the sailors of many goals.

The Kwong Wah forwards only came into the picture occasionally, but they at no time seriously challenged the Navy defence.

Navy were awarded a penalty, but Tozer who was entrusted with the spot kick failed to con-

vert, Tam Woon-cheuk saving the shot in fine style.

With only about two minutes left for play, Navy increased their lead when, following a galmouth scramble, Brown scored.

Royal Navy—Adie, Convery, Tozer, Slidders, Rowlands, Holloway, Moore, Morrison, Brown, Spears, Allen.
Kwong Wah—Tam Woon-cheuk, Wong Chi-wan, Leung Pak-wai, Law Tak-kau, Loung Fook-chung, Ng Kau-kwong, Mak Ying-chol, Ng Yan-pui, Lau Wai-man, Kok Mun-tim, Lau Tak-hing.

RESULTS

AT A GLANCE

FIRST DIVISION

Royal Navy 3 Kwong Wah 1

SECOND DIVISION

WD Chinese v K Motor Bus

IPCA v Chinese AA

Kowloon Motor Bus received a walk-over from WD Chinese.

This game was not played owing to the water-logged state of the ground.

TODAY'S SOCCER

First Division

Kit Chee v KMA (PP from 2.1.40), Caroline Hill, 5.15 p.m.; Referee: Pto. Collins.

Tramway v Kit Chee (PP from 2.1.40), Army "I", 5.15 p.m.; Referee: W. Crawford.

Club v Army-HK (PP from 1.1.40), Club 5.15 p.m., Referee: A. Descom.

Second Division

Police v Dockyard (PP from 20.10.48), Boundary, 5.15 p.m.; Referee: Pto. Collins.

Tramway v Kit Chee (PP from 2.1.40), Army "I", 5.15 p.m.; Referee: W. Crawford.

Club v Army-HK (PP from 1.1.40), Club 5.15 p.m., Referee: A. Descom.

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